

PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

Sixteenth Annual Convocation,

Held at the

ST GEORGE'S HALL, IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON,

Commencing on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, A.D. 1873, A.L. 6313



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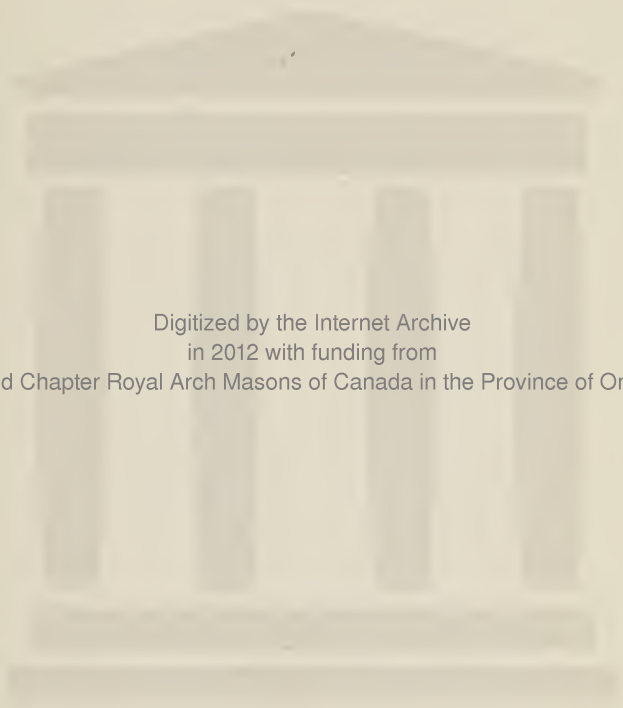


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At the Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the St. George's Hall, in the City of Kingston, commencing on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	L. H. Henderson,	H.	
" " "	James Dunbar,	J.	

On the Throne.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. B. Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
" " "	E. M. Copeland,	" " N.
" " "	R. P. Stephens,	" Prin. Sojourner.
" " "	John W. Murton, as	" Treasurer.
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick, as	" Registrar.
" " "	George Creeggan, as	" 1st Asst. Sojourner.
V. " "	N. G. Bigelow, as	" 2nd " "
" " "	D. Pitceathly, as	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	Yeoman Gibson, as	" Standard "
" " "	W. H. Weller,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	Fred. Mudge,	" Organist.
" " "	S. H. Blondheim, as	" Pursuivant.
" " "	Thos. C. Macnabb,	" Steward.
" " "	John Boyd, as	" "
" " "	Edward Ball,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	William Carey,	London	District.
" "	Geo. H. Dartnell,	Ontario	"
" "	Donald Ross,	Prince Edward	"
" "	I. H. Stearns,	Montreal	"
" "	H. W. Wood,	Eastern Townships	"
" "	D. R. Munro,	New Brunswick.	

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	P. G. Z.
R. " "	W. J. B. McLeod Moore,	P. G. H.
" " "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. G. H.
" " "	W. B. Simpson,	P. G. H.
" " "	James Seymour,	P. G. H.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	P. G. J.
" " "	James A. Henderson,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	E. J. Barker,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	Thos. Milton,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	E. H. Parker,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	Jno. W. Murton,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	A. S. Kirkpatrick,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	Geo. M. Wilkinson,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	Jno. A. Mackenzie,	P. G. Supt
" " "	Jno. V. Noel,	P. G. Sup't
" " "	A. G. Smyth,	P. G. Scribe N.
V. " "	Geo. En Earl,	P. G. 1st Asst. Soj'r
" " "	Hugh A. Mackay,	P. G. 1st Asst. Soj'r
" " "	N. G. Bigelow,	P. G. 2nd Asst. Soj'r
" " "	Wm. Reid,	P. G. Sword Bearer
" " "	Yeoman Gibson,	P. G. Stan'd Bearer
" " "	Peter Begg,	P. G. Dir. of Cer.
" " "	S. H. Blondheim,	P. G. Pursuivant
" " "	R. Kincaid,	P. G. Steward

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. E. Comp.	T. D. Harington,	of Tennessee.
R. " "	Thos. B. Harris,	of Missouri & Oregon.
" " "	James Seymour,	of Indiana. [York.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	Dist. of Columbia & New

VISITORS.

R. E. Comp. John E. Mason, Representative from the
Grand Chapter, Dist. of Columbia.

M. " " James F. Miller, P. H. P., Gonzales Chapter,
No. 51, Texas.

VISITING FROM LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, NO. 51, WASHINGTON, D. OF C.

M. E. Comp. Joseph S. McCoy, High Priest.

" " " Daniel S. Jones, P. H. Priest.

Comps. Wm. L. Vanderlip, B. R. Ross, Edward Johnson,
H. A. Whitney, A. F. Fox, G. A. Whitaker, Thos. Somerville,
Jas. Lansburg, Jno. Wright, W. J. Walker, R. H. Manning,
A. S. French, S. S. Strachan, R. Gillam, George Ryneal.

A Constitutional number of Chapters being in attendance, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample Form* at 1.45 o'clock, P. M.

The Executive Committee, as required by the Constitution, having appointed R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, V. E. Comp. F. Mudge, and E. Comp. R. M. Horsey, a Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported the following as being present during the Sessions viz:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

R. E. Comp.	Geo. M. Wilkinson,	Z.
" "	L. Clements,	H.
" "	Geo. Creeggan,	J.
" "	W. B. Simpson,	P. Z.
" "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. Z.
" "	Alex. S. Kirkpatrick,	P. Z.
" "	E. H. Parker,	P. Z.
" "	R. M. Horsey,	P. J.

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON, O.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. B. Harris,	P. Z.
V. " "	Wm. Reid,	P. Z.

No. 3. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

E. Comp.	James O'Connor,	Z.
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No. 4. ST. ANDREW AND ST. JOHN CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

M. E. Comp.	S. B. Harman,	P. Z.
" "	R. P. Stephens,	Z.

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON, O.

E. Comp.	W. D. McGloghlon,	Z.
R. " "	William Carey,	P. Z.
" " "	Alfred G. Smyth,	P. Z.

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON, C.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. B. Harris,	P. Z.
" " "	John W. Murton,	P. Z.
" " "	Hugh A. Mackay,	P. H.

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE, O.

E. Comp.	D. Pitceathly,	Z.
" "	Geo. Davidson,	H.
" "	H. Robertson,	J.
R. " "	L. H. Henderson,	P. Z.
" " "	Wm. Doctor,	P. Z.

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO, O.

E. Comp.	N. Gordon Bigelow,	Z.
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No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.

R. E. Comp.	D. R. Munro,	P. Z.
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No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON, O.

E. Comp.	G. S. Oldrieve,	Z.
" "	H. S. Minnes,	H.
R. " "	E. J. Barker,	P. Z.
" " "	J. V. Noel,	P. Z.
" " "	A. McMillan,	P. Z.
V. " "	S. H. Blondheim,	P. H.

- No. 13. STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC, Q.
R. E. Comp. James Dunbar, P. Z.
- No. 14. PREVOST CHAPTER, DUNHAM, Q.
R. E. Comp. H. W. Wood, Z.
- No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA, O.
R. E. Comp. John A. Mackenzie, P. Z.
- No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA, O.
E. Comp. W. M. Somerville, H.
M. " " T. D. Harington, P. Z.
R. " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P. Z.
- No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK, O.
E. Comp. James Canfield, Z.
" " H. P. Brown, J.
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHARINES, O.
R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. Z.
" " Alex. Servos, P. Z.
- No. 20. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD, O.
V. E. Comp. Fred. Mudge, P. Z.
- No. 21. CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
R. E. Comp. E. M. Copeland, Z.
" " " Isaac H. Stearns, P. Z.
- No. 22. GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT, O.
E. Comp. John Satchell, H.
V. " " Geo. En Earl, P. Z.
- No. 23. EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE, O.
E. Comp. John Wilson, P. Z.
- No. 25. MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
E. Comp. H. Le Cappelain, H.
R. " " Thomas Milton, P. Z.

No. 26. ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, TRENTON, O.

R. E. Comp.	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. Z.
V. " "	Peter Begg,	P. Z.

No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD, O.

R. E. Comp.	Henry Robertson,	P. Z.
" "	Henry Macpherson,	P. Z.

No. 28. PENTALPHA CHAPTER, OSHAWA, O.

V. E. Comp.	John Boyd,	P. Z.
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No. 29. M'CALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE, O.

E. Comp.	Charles E. S. Black,	J.
R. " "	James Seymour,	P. Z.
" "	Joseph Hurssell,	P. Z.

No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH, O.

E. Comp.	B. Trainer,	H.
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No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON, O.

E. Comp.	James Tennant,	Z.
R. " "	Donald Ross,	P. Z.

No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT, O.

E. Comp.	John Habbick,	Z.
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No. 34. SIGNET CHAPTER, ORILLIA, O.

E. Comp.	H. G. Summers,	Proxy.
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No. 35. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY, O.

R. E. Comp.	Geo. H. Dartnell,	P. Z.
V. " "	Yeoman Gibson,	P. Z.

No. 36. CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO, O.

E. Comp.	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	H.
R. " "	C. D. Macdonnell,	P. Z.
V. " "	R. Kincaid,	P. Z.

- No. 37. VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE, O.
E. Comp. J. H. Helm, H.
- No. 38. SEYMOUR CHAPTER, BRADFORD, O.
E. Comp. H. G. Summers, P. H.
- No. 39. BOTSFORD CHAPTER, MONCTON, N. B.
R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, Proxy.
- No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH, O.
V. E. Comp. F. Mudge, P. Z.
- No. 41. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL, O.
R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, P. Z.
- No. 43. ROYAL ALBERT CHAPTER, MONTREAL, Q.
R. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, Proxy.
- No. 44. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE, O.
E. Comp. Henry L. Geddes, Z.
- No. 45. EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, COLBORNE, O.
E. Comp. J. Proctor, Z.
" " Jas. D. Henderson, H
V. " " Peter Begg, P. Z.
" " A. Vars,
- No. 47. WELLINGTON CHAPTER, CHATHAM, O.
V. E. Comp. Thos. C. Macnabb, Z.
R. " " James Seymour, P. Z.
- No. 48. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, COBOURG, O.
E. Comp. Henry T. Wood, Z.
" " T. F. Mallory, J.
V. " " W. H. Weller, P. Z.

No. 51. ST. CHARLES CHAPTER, POINT ST. CHARLES, Q.

R. E. Comp. Thos. Milton, P. Z.

No. 52. PRINCE RUPERT'S CHAPTER, WINNIPEG, M.

E. Comp. James Henderson, P. Z.

No. 53. BRUCE CHAPTER, PETROLIA, O.

E. Comp. George E. Murphey, Z.

" " W. B. Clements, J.

U. D. DE WARRENE CHAPTER, ST. THOMAS, O.

E. Comp. W. D. McGloghlon, Proxy, disallowed

U. D. NIAGARA CHAPTER, NIAGARA, O.

E. Comp. Alex. Servos, Z.

R. " " James Seymour, P. Z.

U. D. GEORGIAN CHAPTER, OWEN SOUND, O.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, Z.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. announced to Grand Chapter that there were a number of Companions on a tour through the Dominion of Canada, from the Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, Dist. of Columbia, and who were about to visit this Grand Chapter; and as these Companions were in waiting in the ante-room, he desired that they should be admitted, and requested the G. S. E. and the Grand Director of Ceremonies to introduce the Companions, who were heartily welcomed and received with the usual honors.

R. E. Comp. E. J. Mason, D. S. Jones, and J. S. McCoy having been invited to take seats on the dais, R. E. Comp. Mason, on behalf of the Companions of Lafayette Chapter, requested permission to sing an ODE which had been specially prepared for the occasion of their visit to the Grand Chapter of Canada, as follows:—

O D E .

BY COMPANION C. C. COX, M. D., LL. D.

AIR—"God save the Queen."

* RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED TO THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF CANADA BY
LAFAYETTE R. A. CHAPTER, NO. 5, OF WASHINGTON, D. C.

All hail, the mystic tie!
Where'er beneath the sky
Life's course be run,
There ranks on ranks unite
To guard our holy rite—
Tho' strangers here to-night,
Our aims are one.

Now let our songs arise
As incense to the skies—
In love we come!
Not from the battle's bed,
With banners gory red,
Not by the trumpet led,
Nor martial drum.

Where darkness wars with light,
And violence with right,
We seek the fray;
'Gainst darkness we contend,
Ever the right defend,
The helpless poor befriend—
Our care alway.

Let each the other greet,
Fraternally we meet
On British sod!
We bear one honored name,
Our language is the same,
Ours too a common fame,
A common God!

A noble brotherhood,
Undaunted we have stood
For liberty:
Thank God! on land and wave
There breathes no human slave—
From sea to mountain cave
All, all are free!

When mutterings rose of war,
A gentler conqueror
Suppress'd the cry!
IMMORTAL COVENANT!
VICTORIA AND GRANT!
Their praise all tongues shall chant,
No more to die!

Then let the rays unite
In one vast stream of light
That wraps the world!
Till strife and blood decrease,
Wars everywhere shall cease,
While floats the flag of peace
O'er earth unfurl'd!

GOD BLESS OLD ENGLAND'S QUEEN!
Make her broad sway serene,
Prosper her reign!
Not by the power of might,
But by the PEOPLE'S RIGHT,
May she all hearts unite
On earth and main!

Monarch of every land,
Stretch forth Thy mighty hand—
Guide and control!
Make our foundations sure,
Our rulers wise and pure,
And Thou, as years endure,
RULE O'ER THE WHOLE!

The M. E. Grand Z. again welcomed our Companions from Lafayette Chapter, which was suitably responded to by R. E. Comp. E. J. Mason.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing, during the Session of Grand Chapter, as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the proceedings at the last Annual Convocation, as recorded, when

It was moved by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and resolved,—

That inasmuch as the proceedings of the Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the City of Toronto, on the 14th day of August, A.D. 1872, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes of such proceedings be considered as read, and the same confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following address to the Companions assembled in Annual Convocation :

A D D R E S S

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada,

GREETING :

COMPANIONS,—Excuse me, I pray you, for commencing this address on the anniversary of my election to the office of your Grand Z., by an allusion to that election. Conscientiously, can I say, that during a masonic career extending now over thirty years, my truest masonic pleasure has been derived from listening to instruction imparted, and in the course of time endeavoring to impart the same, in the quiet and familiar haunts of lodge and chapter, apart from any seeking to attain those higher honors in the craft which combine the responsibility of official administration with the distinction of official position. Under these circumstances, and having generally and openly enunciated such sentiments on leaving Grand Chapter for a time on urgent business at its last Annual Convocation, my election, during my absence, to fill the chair, from which I now

address you, while inspiring in the first instance an inclination of grateful withdrawal, I felt, on reflection, implied an expression of confidence so exceptional, as to leave me no option, no right to allow private considerations to interfere with my placing my services, so kindly regarded and so generously required, entirely at your disposal; and I trust the year that has passed has witnessed no diminution, at all events, in the zeal that has characterized the previous occupants of the chair, and to whose eminent services the Grand Chapter of Canada is so largely and lastingly indebted.

ADDRESS AND TESTIMONIAL TO M. E. COMP. HARINGTON, P.G.Z.

I turn, in almost necessary connection with the foregoing remarks, to the distinguished Companion whose voluntary retirement, after an incumbency of eleven years, alone created the opening for a change in the presidency of Grand Chapter. In carrying out the trust enjoined by the resolution of Grand Chapter, of preparing and tendering to M. E. Comp. Thomas Douglas Harington, P. G. Z., "an address, accompanied by an appropriate testimonial," it has been the pleasure of the Grand Council to endeavor to indicate "the high regard entertained for our M. E. Companion, and the eminent services he has rendered to capitular masonry," and I now embody herein copies of the address, the inscription on the testimonial, and the reply of the esteemed recipient, which I feel sure will be carefully cherished as valued memorials in the archives of Grand Chapter.

(ADDRESS.)

"To M. E. Companion,

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARINGTON, P. G. Z., &c., &c., &c.

Most Excellent Sir and Companion,—

The Grand Chapter of Canada desire, on your voluntary relinquishment of the Sceptre of Grand Z., to present you with an expression, however inadequate, of the sentiments with which your retirement, after the administration, for the extended term of eleven years, of the highest office in their gift, is universally regarded.

They are sentiments of the highest personal esteem, the result of personal intercourse and communication, which has been characterized by the kind-

They are sentiments, at the same time, of the fullest recognition of the dignity which the public administration of so high an office demands, and has always received at your hands, in your presidency over their deliberations, and your official intercourse with Grand Bodies and their rulers.

They are sentiments of congratulation to yourself on having fulfilled so high a trust with such marked honor.

They are sentiments offered in no ordinary or formal compliance with custom, but they come direct from the heart of the large section of the masonic body who have been proud to acknowledge you as their head and leader.

And they are sentiments of fraternal regard which it is desired may be entered on their records as they are engrafted on their hearts.

They are accompanied with a full copy of the proceedings of Grand Chapter, which they trust may prove a source of pleasurable reference, and a further slight memorial, which, as you regard it to mark time present, may serve to remind you of time past among your sincere and grateful companions.

Nor can this address properly conclude without an allusion, they trust not out of place, to your past administration, with no less honor, of the dignity of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, while your present high station of Sovereign Grand Inspector General and Representative of the Supreme Grand Council of England and Wales, A.° and A.° Rite, still leaves a link unsevered in the chain of administrative ability and influence, to which Canadian masonry is so much indebted at your hands.

SEAL OF Done in Grand Chapter, at the Annual Convocation, held in
GRAND CHAPTER. the City of Toronto, this 14th day of August, A.D. 1872,
 A.L. 5876.

THOS. B. HARRIS,	SAMUEL B. HARMAN, G. Z.	} <i>Grand Council.</i>
G. S. E.	L. H. HENDERSON, G. H.	
	JAMES DUNBAR, G. J.	

INSCRIPTION ON TESTIMONIAL.

The armorial bearings of the M. E. P. G. Z. were engraved on the outer case of the testimonial, a massive gold chronometer watch, with chain, &c., and on the inner case the following inscription:—

THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA

TO

M. E. COMPANION

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, P. G. Z.

As a token of personal esteem and in recognition of his untiring zeal and most able administration of the highest office in the gift of Grand Chapter for the term of eleven years.

PRESENTED

On his retirement, 14th August, A. D. 1872.

There was also presented a full copy of the proceedings of Grand Chapter, from its organization, handsomely bound in crimson morocco, and lettered with words of presentation.

(REPLY.)

OFFICE OF THE PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL,

OTTAWA, 31st May, 1873.

To M. E. Companion,

S. B. HARMAN, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Canada.

My Dear and Most Excellent Companion,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th instant, accompanied by an address, and a testimonial, adopted and granted by the Most Excellent "The Grand Chapter of Canada," at the last Annual Convocation, consequent upon my ceasing to hold the high office, now so worthily filled by yourself.

I request you to convey to that Most Excellent Assembly my grateful appreciation of and heartfelt thanks for these most valuable marks of kindness; which are peculiarly gratifying to me, though I fear that my services have been placed at too high a standard. I can only hope that they have been as useful as the address represents.

All I can say is, that my work has been one of love, that I have tried to do my best, and that the highest office of Grand Chapter, so often conferred upon me, has always been looked upon by me as a distinguished Honor, one not to be looked upon lightly, or trifled with, or to be forgotten,

upon my return into the rank of an individual member. As long as I retain life and intellect Grand Chapter has a right to my services, a right freely and fully subscribed to by me.

The testimonial I shall wear constantly with pride and pleasure. It is very beautiful! The copy of the proceedings, during the eleven years that I held the highest office in the gift of my Royal Arch Companions, is just what I desired, and the address is so different from the usual run of such documents, its language has so much heart, that I would be the veriest churl, if my own heart did not respond to its kind, but too flattering words!

I know, Most Excellent Companion, that I have to thank you personally for your own handiwork, and the Committee for the (to me) gratifying way, in which they have carried out the resolution of Grand Chapter. I do so heartily, and remain in all sincerity, my Dear and Most Excellent Companion,

Yours truly and fraternally,

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,

Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Canada.

IN MEMORIAM.

I next refer to a topic which will no less inspire feelings of genuine sorrow and sadness in the mind of Grand Chapter than it truly does in my own, I allude to the removal by death of M. E. Comp. Thompson Wilson, who held the sceptre of G. Z. in 1858-9, and, in the unavoidable absence of M. E. Comp. Harrington, presided over the deliberations of Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation last year. For a long series of years I have had the pleasure of enjoying the fellowship and acquaintance of this truly good man and zealous mason, and the reflection that his last public masonic act was that of installing me as G. Z. naturally evoked a feeling of unusual emotion, when not two months later I heard of his unexpected demise; for although our departed M. E. Companion was one of those who, in the words of the Psalmist, "was so strong that he reached four score years" his vigorous age was spared "from being that of labor and sorrow," or such as to give expectation that "so soon was he to pass away and be gone." The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, M. W. Bro. W. Mercer Wilson (first G. M. as he was also first G. Z. of this Grand Chapter) has in his able address to Grand Lodge last month so

fittingly and feelingly referred to the career of our departed Companion that I cannot better conclude this reference than by quoting his well chosen sentences as follows:—

“Our venerable brother, who had passed the ripe old age of fourscore years, had served his country for upwards of twenty-seven years in the Royal Artillery, sharing in all the dangers and glories of the Peninsular war. He was present and took part in the great battle of Waterloo, and subsequently served for three years in the West Indies. On retiring from active service he settled in London, Ontario, in the year 1837; but again, at the call of his country, he rendered valuable service during the rebellion which broke out in this country at the close of that year. He was afterwards appointed barrack master on the eastern frontier, at Prescott and Cornwall, subsequently retiring on half pay, after an additional service of sixteen years as barrack master. He then returned to London, where he resided, esteemed and respected by all who knew him, until his decease on the 20th of October last.

On examining the Masonic record of our distinguished brother, we find that he was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of the 5th Regiment, in the year 1816, and in the following year was passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason, in Military Lodge, No. 406, of the 91st Regiment. Our deceased brother having been elevated to the Royal Arch and installed as a Knight Templar, subsequently attained the grade of Sov. G. Insp. Genl. 33 degree. He also held the rank of a Past Deputy Grand Commander in the grand conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of Canada, and was an actual Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In his career as a soldier, our lamented brother was distinguished for his loyalty, his zeal, and his courage; and as a mason, we all know that his love of the order, as evinced by his strict adherence to its great leading principles, his unwearied efforts to promote its establishment, and to insure its prosperity, was only second to his loyalty to the crown and his love to the country of his birth. Ever proud to regard him as a personal friend, it affords me a melancholy pleasure thus to place on record these evidences of his worth as a man, and his standing and character as a freemason. The widow and orphan daughter of our R. W. brother can never want friends and protectors so long as masonry exists in Canada or elsewhere.”

Another Companion of illustrious note has also passed away, one who for a quarter of a century was at one and the same time G. M. and G. Z. of the Grand Lodge and Chapter of England, one in connection with whose name as a British nobleman nought but that which was honorable and dignified was

ever associated, and whose zeal and interest to the cause of masonry will ever cause a reverence to be felt at the mention of the name of the good Thomas Dundas, Earl of Zetland.

Among other valued Companions whose loss we mourn, the late E. Comp. Alphio DeGrassi, owing to his affiliation with St. John's Chapter, No. 75, S. R., which up to 1870 adhered to its allegiance to the G. Chapter of Scotland, was not a participant in the proceedings of G. Chapter, or so well known there as he was in G. Lodge, where his high masonic merit and ability caused his selection to fill for four years the distinguished rank of D.D.G.M. of the Toronto District. I am nevertheless prompted especially to refer to the demise of this worthy Companion in the hope that others may follow him in what I may term his specialty, namely, the collection and investigation of the early records of Canadian freemasonry. A reference to the proceedings of G. Lodge in 1862 names the appointment of a Committee of G. L. to collect masonic documents, with a view to the compilation of a history of masonry in Canada; and in 1863 and 1866 reports by E. Comp. DeGrassi and the late E. Comp. Fowler, of Kingston, were presented on this most interesting subject. In 1867, my respected predecessor, in his annual address, called the attention of Grand Chapter to this matter as one "fraught with interest to us all," (see proceedings, pp. 100 and 125), and as we are aware, that in the earlier times, many lodges were known as R. A. lodges, which were by their Charters enabled also to open and work Chapters, it will be seen that as much valuable data may be gleaned from the archives of our Chapters, many of which hail from the earliest period of the settlement of Canada, as may be obtained from lodges. E. Companions DeGrassi and Fowler were kindred spirits in the love of such research, and in their reports to Grand Lodge, and their writings on St. John's Lodge, Kingston and the old St. John's Lodge and Chapter of Toronto, have left works that will follow them, though it has pleased T. G. A. O. T. U. that they should have ceased from their labors.* I have almost necessarily been led in this connection to allude

*A most interesting sketch of the history of the Ancient Frontenac Chapter, Kingston, was compiled many years since by R. E. Comp. James A. Henderson.

to the late Comp. Fowler; and it is with pleasing though melancholy recollections, that I add this passing tribute to that offered to his memory last year, in recording the more recent removal of my equally valued friend and Comp. Alfio DeGrassi.

NEW CHAPTERS.

During the year I have had the pleasure of issuing Dispensations, subject to the confirmation of Grand Chapter, for opening three new Chapters styled and located as follows :—

THE DEWARREN,.....ST. THOMAS, ONT.

THE NIAGARA,.....NIAGARA, ONT.

THE GEORGIAN,.....OWEN SOUND, ONT.

While all are well and worthily recommended, and are opened under the auspices and guidance of Companions of zeal and ability, I may especially refer to the last named, which testifies in its organization to the unrelaxing efforts of that true mason and respected judge, R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, whose energy, long the life spring of Masonry in his district, has found in this Chapter but another field where, surrounded by faithful Companions, he may disseminate with his wonted fidelity the principles of capitular masonry.

AFFILIATION OF ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 209, LONDON.

I have also, in this connection, to refer to a somewhat exceptional case, namely, St. John's Chapter, No. 209, I. R. which has finally surrendered its warrant to the Grand Chapter of Ireland, and received a dispensation of affiliation with the Grand Chapter of Canada; I say finally, for this Chapter was one of those which took part in the organization of Grand Chapter, and received a warrant, afterwards numbered three on our roll; subsequently, for causes to which it is not necessary now to revert, a number of the Companions withdrew and reorganized No. 209, I. R. (the warrant not having been returned), and the residue, after working as No. 3, until 1863, surrendered that warrant and amalgamated with St. George's Chapter, No. 5. While it has ever been one of the planks in

the platform of the Grand Chapter of Canada, since her organization, to respect the conscientious desire of the Companions of any Chapter to adhere to their old allegiance until such good time as they might desire themselves to leave it, it cannot but be an occasion for cordial welcome when, feeling no longer prepared to continue an allegiance which isolates them from the now important Canadian governing body in capitular masonry, they enter our portals, and are enabled to participate in our deliberations and strengthen our councils. In this spirit I have had the pleasure of welcoming the enrollment or re-enrollment of St. John's, and by a generous abnegation of any right of priory or precedence on the part of the only Chapter which might have made claim thereto, namely, the Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, No. 4, Toronto, which has recently established the trace of its original organization to the early date of 1800; I have had the further pleasure of acceding to their desire, and awarding to the Chapter under mention the sometime dormant number three.

I now invite Grand Chapter to confirm the dispensations enumerated by regular warrants.

CONSTITUTION.

There have been a few cases of constitutional reference on which I have had to rule, and which a public charge of this character is a fitting medium to make use of for their general dissemination.

In the first place, I feel I shall be doing a service to the Order, as well as saving much future trouble, correspondence and possible disappointment, by calling special attention to the specific regulation as to the qualifications for the office of First and Second Principals laid down in the Constitution on "Sub-ordinate Chapters, article 6," as follows:—

"No Companion shall be eligible for the First Principal's Chair, unless he be an Installed Master or Past Master of a regular Lodge, nor until he has served in the Second Principal's Chair for twelve months, nor to the Second until he has served in the Third Principal's Chair for twelve months, unless by special dispensation from the Grand First Principal.

The dispensing power or authority herein vested in the Grand First Principal to allow a deviation from the express letter of the constitution as above laid down, I feel bound, as I know my predecessors have done, to regard, in view of the solemnity attending the induction into office of the G. Z., as one to be only exercised in extreme cases, and on good and sufficient cause being shewn of an absolute and indispensable necessity. During the past year applications were received from the large proportion of nearly one-fourth of the Chapters upon our roll for dispensations for the installation of First or Second Principals not thus constitutionally eligible, and for the most part by simple request, almost as if it were matter of course, without any cause assigned, or cause, if it can be so called, of the most general character. I am happy to add that I believe in all these numerous cases the applicants were satisfied that in the rigid requirement of good and sufficient cause I felt bound to insist upon before granting, and in the absence of which I had to refuse the application, I was laying down a wholesome rule with regard to a prerogative, which should be neither lightly evoked or lightly granted, and more especially, and on this I particularly desire to dwell, in the case of propositions to dispense with the requirement that the first principal should be an Installed Master or Past Master of a craft lodge, a wise regulation I deem almost insurmountable, and to dispense with which involves the anomaly of placing a Companion in a position to "perfect a degree" he is not able to confer.

The second matter of constitutional reference relates to the article on "Honorary Members," as follows:—

"I. Chapters may elect any Companion an Honorary Member by an open vote of the Chapter. Due notice must be given at one Convocation, and the name be inserted in the summons for the next regular Convocation. The Chapter must include all Honorary Members, in its returns to the Grand Chapter, and pay similar dues for them as for ordinary members.

"II. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting, except it is so declared at the time of election, and then it can be conferred only on those who were ordinary members when so elected.

“ III. Should such Honorary Member, as at the time of their election were ordinary members, accept office in the Chapter, their honorary membership ceases. Honorary Members, who were not ordinary members, cannot hold office in the Chapter.”

The case in question applied to two Companions who have not only presided with distinction in private Chapters, but have filled the second highest chair, that of G. H. in Grand Chapter, and who, on the second meeting of Montreal Chapter, No. 42, (one of these distinguished Companions having organized the Chapter and installed the officers, in the preceding month, as Grand Superintendent of the District) were proposed as honorary members, and on the third meeting unanimously elected as such, with full privileges of ordinary members. At the close of the year it was desired to elect one of these Companions to fill the chair of First Principal, and it was referred to me to rule on their eligibility, and, if ineligible, the steps they should take to become eligible. As to the first point there could be no question, as Honorary Members, who had never been ordinary members, they were ineligible, and the resolution investing them with the full privileges of ordinary members, was *ultra vires* and inoperative. As to the second, the only apparent way of getting rid of their ineligibility, would be the resignation of their honorary membership and re-entry into the Chapter as ordinary members, by proposal, ballot, and the regular formalities connected therewith. I name this case, not that there is any masonic ruling of consequence in connection therewith, but rather by way of suggestion as to the somewhat doubtful compliment of electing Companions, and especially local Companions, Honorary Members, who had not first been ordinary members, and who are therefore ineligible to accept office, and make the talents which marked them out for honor available, if subsequently desired for the advancement of the Chapter.

A third matter of constitutional reference has arisen in the course of examination of by-laws of Chapters referred for approval. It relates to the question of fees to be charged on conferring Chapter degrees. I place in parallel columns the article

of the Constitution and the By-law that has given cause for question as to its interpretation.

CONSTITUTION.

ON SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

XVIII. No Chapter shall confer the Degree of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch upon any Brother for a less sum than \$20, which sum must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred, and may include the fees to the Grand Chapter for registry and certificate. The Companion who proposes a Candidate is responsible to the Chapter for all fees payable by him, payment of which must not on any pretence be deferred, nor any part of them.

XIX. When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have liberty and may confer the degree of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.

PRIVATE CHAPTER.

BY-LAW ON FEES AND DUES.

1st. The Fee for Exaltation and the subordinate degrees shall be twenty dollars, payable in advance, which shall include the cost of registration and Grand Chapter certificate.

2nd. A Candidate who has taken one or more of the subordinate degrees in another Chapter shall be entitled to a reduction of two dollars and fifty cents for each subordinate degree so taken.

The question that has presented itself is whether the words of the Constitution "which sum of \$20 must be paid before any of the degrees are conferred," does not prohibit its being applied distributively as proposed by the By-law. At the same time the latter is based on the supposition that the \$20 having been paid in one Chapter, and the Candidate, after taking one or more of the subordinate degrees therein, having had unexpectedly to remove his domicile to another, perhaps distant, part of the jurisdiction, where he desires to obtain the remainder in another Chapter there situate, the latter Chapter should, as an act of justice, make some reduction, in the absence of which the Companion suffers a hardship from a contingency beyond his control, while *the Order gets a full duplicate payment.*

It may be also argued that the first Chapter should be as liable on the ground of justice to make a refund, as the latter to make a reduction. In the charge or address of my worthy predecessor in 1869 (see page 293) he alluded to the subject in the following manner:—

“I would bring likewise to your notice the fact, that although the Constitution fixes a minimum fee for the conferring the intermediate degrees and exaltation to the Royal Arch, and provides for the case of a Royal Arch Mason presenting himself from without the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and not in possession of these intermediate degrees, yet it is silent as to a brother who has paid for and is in possession of some or all of them, and who, from good cause shewn, may be under the necessity of seeking exaltation in some other Chapter. A supplementary clause might be introduced covering this defect, and determining the fee to be paid in every such instance. My opinion has been asked in this matter.”

To which charge the Executive Committee (see page 368) replied as follows:—

“The remarks of the M. E. G. Z. regarding brothers who have taken part only of the intermediate degrees, as to the necessity of legislation calculated to remove the grievance in question, are well ‘worthy of the attention of Grand Chapter.’”

It does not appear, however, that beyond these references the matter has been considered, and having in the case of a set of By-Laws submitted to me, reserved the point for the opinion of Grand Chapter, I ask attention to the same, merely adding, that unless Grand Chapter is prepared to pronounce a definite interpretation by way of ruling in the premises, any recommendation of change or amendment, if such be deemed expedient, will have to be given in the shape of a notice to be dealt with at the ensuing session.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to the sister Grand Chapters who have favored us with copies of their valued and interesting proceedings, and to R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, (Representative of the Grand Chapters of New York and the District of Columbia,) is she again indebted for his almost invaluable synopsis of their varied contents, a task involving

labor and discrimination, which can only be appreciated after a careful examination and perusal, which I earnestly commend to Chapters and Companions, both in justice to the compiler and from its intrinsic merits.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents on the details of work in their several Districts leave me little to add on that head. I cannot however refrain from remarking that so smoothly does the machinery of our Order appear to work that during the year, beyond the applications for dispensations to which I have had occasion to refer in another place, but one case was referred to me by way of appeal from the judgment of a Chapter, (No. 42, Montreal,) in dealing with a matter of difference between two Companions. I at once transmitted this to the Grand Superintendent of the District, whose return, as well as all papers connected therewith, will be laid before Grand Chapter.

GENERAL INFORMATION IN CHAPTERS.

It occurs to me to urge on all Chapters a literal compliance with the regulations printed prominently on the title page and cover of the Annual Proceedings, namely, that they are "ordered to be read in Chapters and preserved." While Grand Chapter is composed, from a necessary limitation of numbers, of the principals and past principals of Chapters, they are at present in the light of representatives of constituencies, to whom on their receipt of the proceedings they are thus enjoined to impart their contents, thus keeping the entire body informed of the general working of the order, and inciting an interest therein, which is apt to flag when Companions have little to promote it beyond the repetition of the ritual, however ably exemplified. I feel confident that compliance with this regulation would be well received. It need not entail tedium by being over lengthily carried out; but, on the contrary, by a judicious introduction, as opportunity served, many an hour of tedium might be profitably relieved. And while these remarks

relate primarily to an enlargement of ideas arising from enlarged information respecting our own Grand Chapter that enlargement might be still further promoted by reference to the synopsis to which I have already alluded, of the returns from sister Grand Chapters, a compilation, I say advisedly, teeming with interest of the most varied and useful character.

EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NOVA SCOTIA.

In the month of March I was in receipt of a courteous intimation from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, of their desire to appoint as their representative in Canada, M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, 33°, our esteemed P. G. Z., and offering the name of E. Comp. Arthur Fletcher, 32°, to be your representative in Nova Scotia. Comp. Fletcher was formerly a resident of Quebec, P. Z. of Carnarvon Chapter, Montreal, and of the local Chapter since his removal to Halifax. Pursuant to the provision of the Constitution "on Grand Officers, Article 3," I felt pleasure in at once announcing in your name, that the appointment of M. E. Comp. Harington would be enrolled with honor, and in desiring that the usual credentials be issued to E. Comp. Fletcher, from whom I have received letters of cordial acknowledgement, announcing his warm reception at the recent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and "that he was desired to communicate how welcome and how warmly reciprocated were the expressions of good feeling" with which I charged our G. S. E. to accompany his credentials.

CALIFORNIA,

I have also recently received an intimation of a like desire to exchange representatives from the Grand Chapter of California, and proposing to nominate as their representative in Canada, R. E. Comp. Robert Ramsay, and E. Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin, 32°, Gr. Recorder, R. & S. Masons, San Francisco, to be your representative in California; but as Grand Chapter was so soon to meet, I have asked G. S. E. to lay these last on the table for the direct action of Grand Chapter.

RECOGNITION OF THE HIGHER MASONIC GRADES.

Referring to the Constitution (on regalia, page 46), of the many higher grades of Masonry, the orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta appear alone to have received the formal recognition of Grand Chapter. At the last Annual Convocation it was moved on notice given at the session of 1871 to "extend such recognition so as to include the degrees of the A. and A. Rite, Royal order of Scotland, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, Royal Ark Mariner, and also the degrees of Cryptic Masonry;" but it was deemed expedient to "refer the propriety of such recognition of all or any of the degrees as recited to the Executive Committee," who from want of time were unable to report. I have been requested to ask Grand Chapter to keep the matter in view. The possession of many of these grades, especially that of the A. & A. Rite, on the continent of Europe is deemed almost indispensable to the travelling mason, and the fact that my worthy predecessor, so zealous a guardian of the purity of masonry, is the Grand Representative of this rite will have weight in the consideration. The degree of Royal Ark Mariner is an appendant degree to the Royal Arch in Scotland, and in England its government has been recently amalgamated in that of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, R. E. Comp. Col. McLeod Moore, the Grand Prior of the Temple in Canada, is at the head of this order as introduced into Canada, as well as of the knightly order of Rome and Constantine, which is highly thought of in England and the United States. The Cryptic degrees were for a time presided over by M. E. Comp. Harington, P. G. Z., and now by R. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, the present Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, as G. M. The question of the Royal Arch forming a prerequisite for admission into all or any of these orders should perhaps be considered in viewing the question of recognition.

MEETING OF GRAND CHAPTER.

I would offer the suggestion to Grand Chapter whether a change might not be made in the interest of the order as to the

time of holding our Annual Convocation. Held, as it is at present, at the interval of hardly a month from the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, it is perhaps almost too much to expect that many who, being members of both Grand Bodies, have barely returned from a Grand Lodge meeting, may be able to find time, and it may be inclination, for a second journey and absence during the heat of midsummer, to attend Grand Chapter. It occurs to my mind, that a return to the month of February, when our Annual Convocations were originally held, would better and far more conveniently equalize the appropriation of time, while its being the occasion of the semi-annual meeting of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, offers another inducement, not formerly existing, in its favor; the majority of those attending the conference of that important board are members of Grand Chapter, and in addition to the question of personal convenience in attending to which I have already alluded, there would be, so to speak, a freshness of thought wherewith to enter on our deliberations, if they were not so soon to follow, as they do at present, those of Grand Lodge. I would invite Grand Chapter to give the subject consideration, again reminding you that any change can only become law on being introduced at next session, after notice now given. To place the matter fairly before Grand Chapter, I have collated and add a summary of the previous action on this head, and the changes that have been made and proposed from time to time. See annual proceedings, as follows:

1857..	Grand Chapter organized,				
1859..	Page 21.. Constitution Art. X.....	Third Wednesday in			
		February.....	Adopted.		
1831..	" 106.. Notice by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson.....	To alter the time of			
		Meeting.....	Proposed.		
1862..	" 164.. Motion do do	.... Tuesday preceding			
		second Wednesday			
		day in July.....	Negated.		
	" " .. Amendment, R. E. Comp. J. Seymour.....	Second Tuesday in			
		August.....	Adopted		
1865..	" 320.. Constitution revised, Art. IX.....	do do			
1867..	" 116.. Notice, R. E. Comp. A. A. Stevenson.....	Monday preceding			
		the Annual Com-			
		munication of			
		Grand Lodge in			
		July.....	Proposed.		
1868..	" 254.. Motion, do do	.... Do. do do.	Negated.		
	" 255.. Amendment, R. E. Comp. H. Robertson....	Second Wednesday			
		for Second Tues-			
		day in August....	Negated.		

1868..	Page 255..	Notice, R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson.....	Second Wednesday	
			in Sept.....	Proposed.
	" "	..Notice, R. E. Comp. F. Mudge.....	Second Wednesday	
			for Second Tues-	
			day in August..	Proposed.
1869..	" 366..	Motion. do do	Do do	Adopted.
	" 12..	Constitution reprinted, Art. IX	Second Wednesday in	
			August.....	-

CONCLUSION.

Companions, I linger to pen this final clause, and convey to you the regretted resolution I have had to come to, that I cannot be a candidate for re-appointment. In justice to so high an office, and in justice to himself, the occupant has fairly to consider whether he can give that time which is requisite to its honorable discharge, in the way of personal intercourse, visitation, and communication, as well as of official administration; and having, in my case, other official demands on my time, which are as imperative as they are arduous, I feel I am not left a choice in the matter of a further endeavor to sever the portion required to be devoted in justice, as I have said, to the office of G. Z. With a warm expression of thanks, I therefore resign the high trust, assuring you from my heart that I both do so with regret, and that I shall ever revert with a feeling of just pride, to the honor, the high honor conferred upon me when I was elected Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, which may T. G. A. O. T. U. ever preserve and prosper! So mote it be.

SAMUEL B. HARMAN,

Grand Z.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and resolved—

That the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present session of Grand Chapter.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from R. E. Comps. A. A. Stevenson, David McLellan, Grand Treasurer, Isaac F. Toms and J. J. Gemmill, also

a telegram from R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, Grand Sup't, Wilson District, to the effect that sickness whilst on his journey would prevent him from reaching in time to be present at the Annual Convocation.

The reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were received and referred to the Executive Committee, and are as follows:—

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS,—I have very great pleasure in reporting that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District is very satisfactory.

On the 26th of February last, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, (formerly St. John's 209 Irish Register), under a warrant of affiliation, and received from the First Principal the Charter from the Grand Chapter of Ireland, which I forwarded to the Grand Scribe E.

On the first of May, I visited Bruce Chapter, Petrolia, on which occasion I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. McKenzie and a number of the Companions of Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, also a number of Companions from Port Huron, U. S. Bruce Chapter is in a very flourishing condition and the officers are well up in their work.

On the 21st May, assisted by R. E. Companions A. G. Smyth and McMullen, I opened DeWarrene Chapter, St. Thomas, under dispensation, on which occasion several applications for exaltation were received.

It affords me great pleasure to recommend that a warrant be granted to the "DeWarrene Chapter."

St. George's Chapter, No. 5, is in good working order.

I am sorry that I have not been able to visit Wawanosh Chapter, Sarnia, or Wellington Chapter, Chatham, but from the known ability of the Ex. Companions who preside over them, I am confident that they are in good condition.

It is with feelings of sorrow that I have to record the death of the M. E. Companion who presided at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter—"Most Excellent Comp. Capt. Thompson Wilson," a Companion who was well known to the masons of Canada, and whose memory will, I am sure, remain dear to the members of this Grand Chapter.

It affords me very great pleasure to be able to report that no Masonic complaint has been made to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. CAREY,

GRAND SUPT. London District.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

It affords me much pleasure in once more being able to report that the Chapters in the Wilson District still continue in a prosperous condition; and, with the exception of Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersoll, are steady increasing in membership. This Chapter, on account of the fire which destroyed the Masonic Hall, as mentioned in my last report, has not been in a position to hold any Convocation during the past year, but as the new Hall is now completed, the Chapter will, I am informed, resume work at an early date.

No question whatever of an unpleasant nature has arisen during the past year requiring attention on my part, and I beg to congratulate the Chapters in the District on the good feeling and harmony which exists among them.

While expressing my acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon me, by the Companions of this District, in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent for the past five consecutive years, and for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me in that capacity, I desire also to express my wish to be now relieved from the duties of that office, especially as there are other Companions in the District equally, if not better qualified than myself to discharge those duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. L. BEARD,

GRAND SUPT., Wilson District.

WOODSTOCK, 1st August, 1873.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I have not been able to visit all the Chapters in my District during the year, and I have to apologize to the Companions for my neglect in this respect. The Chapters I have visited are in good working order, and the reports I have from those I have neglected are of the most favorable kind.

There are now seven Chapters in the district, and I am informed that ere long two applications will be made to the M. E. the Grand Z. for dispensations, one at the village of Scaforth and the other at Lucknow.

I would suggest to Grand Chapter the propriety of forming a new Chapter District corresponding with the Wellington District of Grand Lodge.

During the year I installed the Principals of Huron Chapter, No. 30; St. James' Chapter, No. 46; and Saugeen Chapter, No. 50. I have visited the latter Chapter on several occasions and I believe from the spirit manifested by the Companions that it will not be long ere they can compare favorably with the other Chapters in the work.

I am happy in conclusion to report that no Masonic complaints have been brought before me during my term of office.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC F. TOMS,

GRAND SUPT., Huron District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Once again I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Hamilton District, which might be compressed into one brief sentence. That all the Chapters are in a harmonious, flourishing and prosperous condition, no Masonic complaint having reached me from any quarter whatever.

In the beginning of this year I had the pleasure of recommending a petition for establishing a new Chapter at Niagara, a Dispensation for which the M. E. Z. was pleased to grant; and on the 20th of March last, assisted by R. E. Comp. Harris, R. E. Comp. Seymour, and E. Comp. Struthers, of St. Catharines, and Comp. W. Forbes, of Grimsby, Niagara Chapter was formally opened and constituted, and their Officers regularly installed.

A kind, warm and most cordial reception was extended to us, and I have every reason to believe that this new Chapter will be no discredit to the old stock of Royal Arch Masons who flourished so well in the town of Niagara as far back as 1798.

I subsequently visited Mount Moriah Chapter, at St. Catharines, and found everything satisfactory with the exception of a slight misunderstanding with regard to a financial matter, but not deeming this sufficiently within my province to give a ruling with regard thereto, I simply offered a suggestion, which I have since been informed was acted upon the following day, and peace and harmony completely restored.

The Hiram and St. John's Chapters, of Hamilton, still maintain their high order and position.

I have been unable to visit McCallum Chapter, at Dunnville, this year, but understand that all is well there.

Before closing, I would desire to express my earnest thanks to all the Companions in my District for the unvarying kindness and courtesy extended towards me whenever and wherever I have met them, and bespeak for my successor the same good and kindly feeling.

Respectfully submitted.

E. MITCHELL,

GRAND SUPT., Hamilton District.

HAMILTON, 8th August, 1873.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the M. E. Council, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

I have the honor to present my report on the condition of capitular Masonry in the Toronto District.

During the year, I have visited officially four of the Chapters working in this District and witnessed the exemplification of the work; perfect uniformity prevails throughout the District. On the 13th August last I visited Seymour Chapter, No. 38, Bradford, and saw the work of the Subordinate Degrees exemplified. On the 29th November last I visited the Chapter a second time, to witness the conferring of the R. Arch Degree, and on the 25th February I made a third visit and installed the Officers selected for the present year.

A few years ago, Seymour Chapter had the misfortune to lose everything they possessed by fire, and it is with much pleasure I am now in a position to state that it has fully recovered from its loss, and now occupies a large and well

furnished Hall and possesses all the furniture requisite for properly conferring Degrees and conducting its affairs.

On the 17th January, I had the pleasure of installing the Officers of the Chapter of St. Andrew and St. John, and on the 20th January I performed the same pleasing duty for the Officers of King Solomon's Chapter. Both these Chapters, working in Toronto, are presided over by zealous Companions and Officers in every respect competent to perform the work correctly, and consequently are in the highest state of efficiency.

On the 19th June, I visited Signet Chapter, No. 34, Orillia, and was much pleased to find its affairs in proper order, and the work of conferring Degrees correctly performed.

I regret that it has not been in my power to visit Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, but I am informed that it is in excellent condition and has not suffered by my absence, having the great advantage of the presence of our R. E. Companion Henry Robertson, Past G. J. at their several meetings.

During the year I recommended the petition for establishing a new Chapter at the Town of Owen Sound, to be called "Georgian" Chapter, for which a Dispensation has been granted and the Chapter duly opened on the 20th May, 1873, by R. Ex. Companions Henry Robertson, Past Grand J., T. B. Harris, Grand Scribe E., and a number of Companions. From the high Masonic standing and well known ability of its First Principal Ex. Companion Henry Macpherson and the Companions with whom he is associated, I am quite certain their Chapter will be a credit to R. A. Masonry and would therefore respectfully recommend that a warrant be issued to the Chapter.

It is with much pleasure that I am able to report that no Masonic complaints have been made to me during my year of office, and that peace, love and harmony prevails within this District.

I also desire to express my grateful acknowledgement to the

Officers and Companions for their uniform courtesy and assistance extended to me on all occasions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DANIEL SPRY,

GRAND SUPT., Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

M. E. G. Z.,—Royal Arch Masonry in our past Masonic year has continued to prosper in the Ontario District.

I have been enabled personally to visit officially, from out of the six Chapters within my District, viz: "Keystone," Whitby; "Pentalpha," Oshawa; "Victoria," Port Hope; and "St. John," Cobourg; and found in each instance these respective Chapters in a flourishing and satisfactory Condition.

In the month of February last, assisted by V. E. Comps. Wright and Y. Gibson, I installed the Officers of Victoria Chapter and the 1st and 3rd Principals of St. John's Chapter. Victoria Chapter is admirably worked, and the Officers and Members seem to have the interests of Royal Arch Masonry thoroughly at heart.

On a subsequent occasion, assisted by V. E. Comps. Weller and Woods, I installed the 2nd Principal of St. John's Chapter.

I have also had the pleasure, in conjunction with V. E. Comps. Macdonnell and Milton, of assisting in the installation of E. Comp. the Rev. V. Clementi as 2nd Principal H. of Corinthian Chapter, Peterboro'.

There have been no Masonic appeals or complaints within my District during my year of office.

I have not been asked for any Dispensation for the wearing of Royal Arch clothing on public occasions, although I have reason

to believe there have been several instances in which this has been done. No doubt this has arisen from inadvertance or ignorance of the fact that such Dispensation is necessary.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. H. DARTNELL,

GRAND SUPT., Ontario District.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.*

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit the following brief report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Prince Edward District.

The number of Chapters remain as last two years, viz:—
Moira, No. 7, Belleville; St. Mark's, No. 26, Trenton; Prince
Edward, No. 31, Picton; and Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee.

At the request of the First Principal of Prince Edward Chapter, in January, the Most Excellent Grand Z. granted a Dispensation to install a Companion to the office of First Principal, who had not served the office of Second, neither had served as Worshipful Master of a Craft Lodge. Also a Companion to the Second Principal's Chair, who had not served as Third. When informed of the Dispensation, I installed the Officers of Prince Edward Chapter.

It afforded me great satisfaction in visiting Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, Napanee, in bearing testimony to the working of the Chapter under its present Z., E. Comp. Geddes, and find it has made great progress. I also installed the Officers. The Companions express a determination to press forward in the work so as to be second to none in the District.

It affords me very great pleasure to be able to report that no Masonic complaints have been made to me during my term of office.

I now tender my thanks to the Companions of the District for their kindness in my official intercourse with them.

All of which is most fraternally submitted.

DONALD ROSS,

GRAND SUPT., Prince Edward District.

PICTON, ONT., 12th August, 1873.

* CENTRAL DISTRICT.

*To the most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

I have the honor to report on the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Central District, very briefly, as follows :—

I regret that I have not been able to visit all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, but I am able to state that they all are working most satisfactorily, and in perfect peace and unity, both as Chapters and as individual Companions. This can be inferred from the fact that no complaint of any kind has been submitted to me during my year of office.

No new Chapters have been organized in this District during the past year, nor has any ceremony exclusively in connection with Capitular Masonry taken place.

I have much pain to report that three deaths have occurred among the members of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, the only ones in the District that I am officially aware of, namely : V. E. Comp. C. P. Bliss, Comp. Andrew Kerr, and R. E. Comp. Michael I. May, P. G. Supt. of this District.

In all these cases the deceased Companions were interred with Masonic ceremonies. In the case of the last named, R. Comp. M. I. May, the Companions of Carleton Chapter have sustained a grievous loss. At the time of his death, R. E. Comp. May was the Z. of this Chapter, and his zeal and dilligence in his office was more than usually conspicuous, and as a consequence the Chapter is in a state of great prosperity. The Chapter

attended his funeral, at his dying request, in the clothing of R. A. Masons. As a volunteer officer, his funeral was also conducted with military honors.

The said Chapter, No. 16, afterwards, according to the Constitution, proceeded to elect a First Principal, to preside until their next election of Officers, in December, and I was elected to fill the empty chair until that time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN I. GEMMELL,

GRAND SUPT., Central District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I beg to submit the following report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Montreal District :—

There are now five Chapters in this District working under our jurisdiction, viz:

Carnarvon,	No. 21,	Montreal.
Mount Horeb,	" 25,	"
Montreal,	" 42,	"
Royal Albert,	" 43,	"
St. Charles,	" 51,	Point St. Charles.

During the past year I have visited them all, and it gives me much pleasure to report that they are all in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

In December last, the Members of Montreal Chapter, No. 42, requested me to forward to the M. E. the Grand Z. a petition for permission to install as 1st Principal Z., a Companion who had not served as 2nd Principal H., also to install as 2nd Principal H., a Companion who had not served as 3rd Principal J which the M. E. the Grand Z. was pleased to grant, together

with a Dispensation empowering me to install the said Companion, and I am happy to say the Chapter has been greatly benefitted by the indulgence.

In conclusion, I have to tender my hearty thanks to the Companions of this District for their kindness to me during my term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. H. STEARNS,

GRAND SUPT., Montreal District.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I beg leave to make the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this District.

The number of Chapters remains the same as last year, viz: Golden Rule Chapter, No. 9, Sherbrooke, Prevost, No. 14, Dunham, and Dorchester, No. 17, Waterloo, all of which I have had the pleasure of visiting during my term of office.

I visited Golden Rule Chapter, No. 9, on the 30th of July last, and am very sorry to be obliged to report that I found it in a very unsatisfactory condition, no Convocation having been held for a period of more than two years. As the Chapter had been summoned for the election of Officers as well as to receive the Grand Superintendent, that business was proceeded with, and resulted in the election of officers who, I believe, will be able in a short time, to place the Chapter on a better footing.

It was found necessary to choose officers to fill the First and Second Principals chairs who were not properly qualified, and I was, therefore, requested to procure the M. E. the Grand Z's. dispensation to install E. Comp. Eben W. Wiswell, First Principal, who has served the required term as Third Principal, but not as second; also to install Comp. Samuel I. Foss,

Second Principal, who has not served the required term as Third Principal. I would also recommend that Grand Chapter take into consideration the advisability of remitting a portion of the dues now owing by this Chapter to Grand Chapter. I have no doubt, that with a little friendly assistance from Companions belonging to surrounding Chapters, Golden Rule will soon be in a more satisfactory condition.

Prevost Chapter, No. 14, I am happy to say, is still in a very flourishing condition.

Dorchester Chapter, No. 17, I visited in January or February last, and assisted at the Installation of Officers. This Chapter has not been working very regularly during the past year, owing, as I have heard, to want of harmony among the members, caused by some financial difficulties. No complaint, however, has ever been made to me, officially, with regard to the matter. I can see no good reason why Dorchester Chapter should not be in a very prosperous state.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. WOOD,

GRAND SUPT., E. T. District.

KNOWLTON, P. Q., August 11th, 1873.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Principals, &c., of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

MOST EXCELLENT PRINCIPALS,—The general depression of business during the past year in this part of the Dominion of Canada has doubtless affected the interests of Capitular Masonry also, for I regret to report that we have retrograded considerably from our numbers of last year in the Stadacona Chapter, which is the only one within the limits of my District. I trust, however, that we are on the eve of a revival, and that my successor will have the pleasure of seeing a large increase to our numbers. I have great satisfaction however in reporting that a state of undisturbed harmony pervades the whole Masonic Fraternity here.

Wishing every success to our noble Order, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Most Excellent Companions,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

HENRY J. PATTEN,

P. G. H. and G. Supt. of Quebec District, &c.

QUEBEC, 11th August, 1873.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Principals, and Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

Herewith I beg to hand you my report exhibiting the state of Capitular Masonry in this District.

My business avocation prevented my visiting Botsford R. A. Chapter, No. 39, Moncton, N. B., during the past year, but I know it is well presided over, and from information obtained from the Officers, I am pleased to report that the Chapter is in a very prosperous condition.

From V.E. Companion C. P. Harris of Botsford Chapter, No. 39, Moncton, I received a telegram under date of the 21st April, 5873, requesting to know if they had jurisdiction to receive candidates from Amherst, a village on the borders of the adjoining Province of Nova Scotia. I should state that from information received, there are, and were several Brethren in that locality desirous of receiving the R. A. Degree in Botsford Chapter, Moncton, in preference to receiving them in R. A. Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nova Scotia. To avoid any unnecessary complaint or correspondence, I replied that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada had no jurisdiction, nor could they, without infringing upon the territory of Nova Scotia, accept candidates from that section, being, strictly speaking, within the jurisdiction of Nova Scotia. This ruling I trust will meet with the approval of the Grand Council and Chapter.

As regards New Brunswick Chapter, R.A.M, No: 10, located in

the City of St. John, N. B., I am proud to say it is one of the largest in point of numbers, &c. on the roll of Chapters under the Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons in the Dominion of Canada. That on the evening of the 3rd July, 1873, with the assistance of Past Principal Z. James M. Nichol, Jr., and Dr. Joseph C. Hathaway, I conferred the Chair Degrees of Z., H. and J. on Companions Henry Duffell, Henry Gilbert Hunt, and George H. Pick, respectively, and from the efficiency of the Officers and the knowledge they possess of the work, I need make no further comment upon the future prosperity of this Chapter.

I return thanks to the Companions for the very courteous and kind manner in which I have at all times been received during the three years I have been Grand Superintendent, and I express the hope that my successor will meet with the same courtesies which have been extended to me.

No complaints have been laid before me and I have pleasure in conveying that harmony and good feeling continue to exist among the Companions.

Respectfully,

D. R. MUNRO,

GRAND SUPT., District of New Brunswick.

ST. JOHN, N. B., 28th July, 1873.

R. E. Companion W. H. Weller gave notice that at the next Annual Convocation he will move that the last part of Clause 10 of the Constitution, under the head of "Regalia," be amended by striking out the words after *Royal Arch*.

R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, on behalf of the Chapters of Kingston, tendered to the Grand Chapter an invitation to a Steam-Boat Excursion and other hospitalities during this Wednesday afternoon.

The M. E. Grand Z., on behalf of Grand Chapter, desired our R. E. Companion Simpson to convey to the Chapters its appreciation of the proffered kindness and acceptance of their hospitalities.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted the following Annual Statements of moneys received from Chapters during the past year, as likewise the Books, &c., which were received and referred to the Executive Committee:—

ANNUAL STATEMENT, AUGUST, 1873.

R. E. COMP. THOS. BIRD HARRIS, G. S. E., in account with the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Dr.	\$ c.	1872.	Cr.
No. 1—Ancient Frontenac.....	55 60	Dec'r, By Grand Treasurer.....	\$353 23
" 2—The Hiram.....	77 60	1873.	
" 3—St. John's.....		Feb. 18, " ".....	120 00
" 4—St. Andrew and St. John...	55 60	Nov. 25, " ".....	300 00
" 5—St. George's.....	61 80	Ap'l 28, " ".....	100 00
" 6—St. John's.....	56 20	May 8, " ".....	150 00
" 7—Moirs.....	60 00	Aug. 1, " ".....	681 12
" 8—King Solomon's.....	47 10		
" 9—Golden Rule.....			
" 10—New Brunswick.....	84 60		
" 12—Cataragui.....	25 90		
" 13—Stadacona.....	6 20		
" 14—Prevest.....	20 00		
" 15—Wawanosh.....			
" 16—Carleton.....	53 60		
" 17—Dorchester.....			
" 18—Oxford.....	15 40		
" 19—Mount Moriah.....	34 80		
" 20—Mount Horeb.....	18 40		
" 21—Carnarvon.....	22 40		
" 22—Grenville.....	22 60		
" 23—Ezra.....			
" 24—Tecumseh.....	13 20		
" 25—Mount Horeb.....	61 30		
" 26—St. Mark's.....			
" 27—Manitou.....	15 20		
" 28—Pentalpha.....	25 00		
" 29—McCallum.....			
" 30—Huron.....	34 00		
" 31—Prince Edward.....	9 20		
" 32—Waterloo.....	58 60		
" 34—Signet.....	97 20		
" 35—Keystone.....	9 40		
" 36—Corinthian.....			
" 37—Victoria.....	1 00		
" 38—Seymour.....			
" 39—Botsford.....	1 50		
" 40—Guelph.....	46 60		
" 41—Harris.....			
" 42—Montreal.....	64 40		
" 43—Royal Albert.....	43 20		
" 44—Mount Sinai.....	64 70		
" 45—Excelsior.....			
" 46—St. James.....	49 00		
" 47—Wellington.....	130 20		
" 48—St. John's.....	10 00		
" 49—Elora.....	54 20		
" 50—Saugeen.....	2 40		
" 51—St. Charles.....	38 30		
" 52—Prince Rupert's.....			
" 53—Bruce.....	40 00		
U. D.—The DeWarrene.....	40 00		
U. D.—Niagara.....	43 00		
U. D.—Georgian.....	40 00		
	\$1,709 40		\$1,709 40

The following Chapters have since paid:—Nos. 3, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 34, 35, 37, 39, 48, 50, 56.

Tabular Statement, extracted from the Returns for the year 1873.

Number.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.	Number of Registrations.	Number of Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Number of Members.	Amount of Fees paid.
								£	c.
1	Ancient Frontenac....	Kingston.....	14	2	..	..	1	58	55
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	15	..	..	..	..	73	77
3	St. John's.....	London.....	..	..	..	..	..	32	..
4	St. Andrew & St. John	Toronto.....	11	..	3	..	..	103	55
5	St. George's.....	London.....	16	..	..	..	..	94	61
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	13	..	..	..	1	141	56
7	Moirs.....	Belleville.....	5	1	2	..	2	63	60
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	13	2	1	..	..	115	47
9	*Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke.....	..	..	..	..	..	72	..
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John.....	21	..	4	..	1	136	84
12	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	5	..	..	..	..	50	25
13	Stadacona.....	Quebec.....	..	..	1	15	..	56	6
14	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	6	2	..	..	..	49	20
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	6	..	..	..	..	56	..
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	12	1	4	..	2	80	53
17	†Dorchester.....	Waterloo.....	..	..	..	..	..	53	..
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	3	..	4	..	1	32	15
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	6	..	..	..	..	84	34
20	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	4	..	2	2	1	36	18
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal.....	6	..	4	..	1	32	22
22	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	4	..	1	10	2	43	22
23	†Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	..	..	..	..	..	39	..
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	2	..	4	5	..	36	13
25	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal.....	9	..	5	..	2	88	61
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton.....	3	..	..	..	2	25	..
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood.....	3	..	1	..	..	33	15
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa.....	9	..	..	1	..	39	25
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville.....	3	..	..	..	..	31	..
30	Huron.....	Goderich.....	12	..	9	..	1	42	34
31	Prince Edward.....	Pictou.....	1	..	3	..	..	31	9
32	Waterloo.....	Galt.....	13	..	1	1	..	53	58
34	Signet.....	Orillia.....	31	2	..	..	2	60	97
35	Keystone.....	Whitby.....	4	..	..	..	..	36	9
36	†Corinthian.....	Peterboro'.....	..	..	..	..	..	27	..
37	Victoria.....	Port Hope.....	..	..	..	..	..	35	1
38	Seymour.....	Bradford.....	4	..	2	..	..	34	..
39	Botsford.....	Moncton.....	4	..	..	..	1	40	1
40	Guelph.....	Guelph.....	5	..	5	..	..	43	46
41	†Harris.....	Ingersoll.....	..	..	..	..	..	26	..
42	Montreal.....	Montreal.....	2	..	3	..	..	30	64
43	Royal Albert.....	Montreal.....	6	1	..	..	..	31	43
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napanee.....	15	2	..	..	..	39	64
45	†Excelsior.....	Colborne.....	..	..	..	..	..	16	..
46	St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	16	..	..	..	..	25	49
47	Wellington.....	Chatham.....	26	..	..	..	..	37	130
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	12	1	5	..	..	17	10
49	Elora.....	Elora.....	18	..	1	..	..	28	54
50	Saugeen.....	Walkerton.....	14	..	..	..	..	23	2
51	St. Charles.....	Point St. Charles.....	8	1	..	..	..	19	38
52	†Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	..
53	Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	..	..	..	..	..	14	40
54	DeWarrene.....	St. Thomas.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	40
55	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	..	..	..	..	..	10	43
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound.....	..	..	..	..	..	9	40

*No Returns since Jan., 1869. †No Returns since Jan., 1871. ‡No Returns since Jan., '72.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Chapters on the Roll.....	54
“ represented in Grand Chapter.....	47
“ Registrations reported.....	380
“ Joinings.....	15
“ Withdrawals.....	65
“ Suspensions.....	34
“ Deaths.....	20
“ Members on Roll of Chapters.....	2,492
“ Receipts for the year.....	\$1,709 40

BALANCES IN LEDGER, AUGUST, 1873.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PLACE.	LAST RETURNS.	VARI'US	1872	1873	AM'T DUE.		CREDITS.	
							\$	cts.	\$	cts.
1	Ancient Frontenac.....	Kingston.....	January			1873				
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton.....	January			1873	8	00		
3	St. John's.....	London.....	April'd		1872					
4	St. Andrew and St. John.....	Toronto.....	January			1873	4	20		
5	St. George's.....	London.....	January			1873	26	60		
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	January			1873	21	20		
7	Moira.....	Belleville.....	January		1872					
8	King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	January			1873	50	00		
9	Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke.....	January	1869		1873				
10	New Brunswick.....	St. John.....	January			1873	2	00		
11	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	January		1872					
12	Stadacona.....	Quebec.....	January		1872		23	80		
13	Prevost.....	Dunham.....	January		1872					
14	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	January		1872					
15	Carleton.....	Ottawa.....	January		1873					
16	Dorchester.....	Waterloo.....	January		1873					
17	Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	January		1872					
18	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines.....	January		1872					
19	Mount Horeb.....	Brantford.....	January			1873				
20	Canarvon.....	Montreal.....	January			1873			2	00
21	Grenville.....	Prescott.....	January			1873			3	00
22	Ezra.....	Simcoe.....	July			1873	2	75	4	00
23	Tecumseh.....	Straford.....	January	1871		1873				
24	Mount Horeb.....	Montreal.....	January			1873	8	00		

The M. E. Grand Z. expressed his desire, and the pleasure it would afford Grand Chapter, to witness an exemplification of the American system of conferring the Royal Arch degree, as worked in the city of Washington, D. of C., U. S. A., and with the concurrence of the visiting Companions from Lafayette Chapter made it the first thing in order for the Thursday morning's sitting.

R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell gave notice that on to-morrow he would move that the salary of the Grand Scribe E. be increased by the addition of \$200 per annum.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to attend a Steam-Boat excursion on the Lake, and to meet on Thursday at 9 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, 14th August, 1873.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 9:45 o'clock, A. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	T. D. Harington,	P. G. Z.,	as G. Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	L. H. Henderson,		G. H.	
" " "	James Dunbar,		G. J.	

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

In accordance with notice given the previous day, it was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by E. Comp. N. Gordon Bigelow, and unanimously resolved—

That the salary of the Grand Scribe E. be increased by the sum of two hundred dollars, so that the same shall be made five hundred dollars per annum, and that the said increase date from August, 1872.

The following notices of motion of places for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter were given, viz., by

E. Comp.	H. G. Summers,	City of Toronto.
V. " "	John Boyd,	Orillia.
" " "	W. H. Weller,	City of Montreal.

All necessary preliminaries having been completed, the Companions of Lafayette Chapter, Washington, proceeded with the exemplification of the Royal Arch work, as practiced in the United States; and at its close,

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously resolved,

That the cordial thanks of Grand Chapter be hereby tendered to the Companions of Lafayette Chapter for the opportunity afforded it of witnessing the exemplification of the United States work in the Royal Arch, and for the admirable manner in which the same had been rendered.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson gave the following notice of motion for the next Annual Convocation :

That Article IX. of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by striking out the words "Wednesday, in August," and inserting therefor the words "Thursday, in February."

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, and resolved—

That in future a copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter be annually sent to the library of Congress, at Washington, D. of C., and that the Grand Scribe E. be also instructed to forward to the same library a complete set, if possible, of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter since its commencement.

R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the M. E. Grand Council:

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have

examined the Books, Statements and Vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct as presented.

The receipts for the past year were.....	\$1,809 40
Payments for same period.....	1,005 58
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Excess of receipts over payments.....	\$ 803 82
Added to former balance.....	1,095 22
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Leaving Cash now on hand.....	\$1,899 04
Amount invested in Dominion Stock.....	2,000 00
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Total.....	\$3,899 04

Your Committee have also examined the following accounts and find them correct, and recommend payment of the same, viz:—

Copp, Clark & Co., 60 parchment warrants.....	\$ 75 00
Rowell & Hutchinson, printing address.....	14 00
Wm. Bruce, engrossing 6 warrants.....	18 00
Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing.....	123 00
Grand Z., postage, &c.....	7 00
J. T. Rolph, 300 certificates.....	150 00
W. C. Morrison, G. Z.'s collar, &c.....	20 00
Committee on Foreign correspondence.....	50 00
Grand Scribe E., salary.....	500 00
“ “ travelling expenses.....	24 40
“ “ petty cash.....	46 85
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	\$1,028 25

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN.

KINGSTON, August 14th, 1873.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Robertson, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

WARRANTS.

The Executive Committee beg to report that they have

examined the several petitions for Warrants presented to the Grand Chapter at this Convocation, as follows:

DeWarrene Chapter.....	St. Thomas, Ont.
Niagara “	Niagara, “
Georgian “	Owen Sound, “

They beg to recommend that Warrants be granted by this Grand Chapter to the above Chapters as prayed for.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON,

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

E. Comp. H. Macpherson also submitted the following report on

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Executive Committee beg leave to present the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Reports have been received from the District Superintendents of all the Districts.

Capitular Masonry continues to prosper. The Chapters are all working harmoniously, and no complaints to District Superintendants are reported.

Three Dispensations to open new Chapters were granted during the year by the M. E. G. Z., which are reported as having been duly opened, and under the direction of efficient officers.

Several Dispensations were also granted to install Compan-

ions as 1st Principals, who had not filled the 2nd Chair nor presided as Masters of Lodges; but, we are glad to notice, only in cases where the special circumstances of the respective Chapters seemed to require the exercise of this important prerogative of the M. E. G. Z.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON,

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. G. H. Dartnell, and resolved—

That the M. E. Grand Z. be requested to nominate a Committee to whom shall be entrusted the duty of preparing some permanent and suitable memorial of the visit of Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, to the Grand Chapter of Canada, to be presented to that Chapter for preservation among their archives.

R. E. Comp. James Dunbar, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report on the appeal of Ex. Comp. Chisholm from the decision of Montreal Chapter, No. 42, that they are of opinion, after having examined the proceedings and evidence, and heard the Companion aggrieved, that the decision appealed against should not be disturbed; but considering that the offence established by the evidence has been sufficiently visited by the suspension which Companion Chisholm has already undergone, they recommend that his

suspension be removed, and that he be now restored to full privileges as a R. A. Mason.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON,

CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. Dunbar, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

In accordance with notice given, the following places were put in nomination for the place for holding the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter:

	E. Comp.	H. G. Summers,	the City of Toronto.
R. " "	L. H. Henderson,	"	Ottawa.
V. " "	W. Carey,	"	London.
R. " "	Jas. Seymour,	the Town of St. Catharines.	

A vote of Grand Chapter having been severally taken, it was declared to be in favor of the City of Ottawa.

The M. E. Grand Z. announced that the election of Officers would be the first order of business for the afternoon session.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 3:35 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp.	T. D. Harington,	P. G. Z., as G. Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	L. H. Henderson,	G. H.	
" " "	James Dunbar,	G. J.	
On the Throne.			

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The election of Officers being the first business in order, the same was proceeded with, and the following Companions were declared duly elected, viz:

R. E. Comp.	C. D. Macdonnell, Peterboro',	Grand Z.
V. " "	W. H. Weller, Cobourg,	" H.
" " "	N. Gordon Bigelow, Toronto,	" J.
R. " "	Thos. B. Harris, re-elected,	" Scribe E.
" " "	James Stephenson, Iroquois,	" " N.
V. " "	William Reid, Hamilton,	" Prin. Soj.
R. " "	D. McLellan, Hamilton, re-ele'd	" Treas.
" " "	E. Servos, Niagara	" Regist'r

By an open vote of Grand Chapter,

" Jno. Sweetman, Ottawa, " Janitor

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives from the respective Districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

V. E. Comp.	Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham,	London District
R. " "	Chas. L. Beard, Woodstock,	Wilson " "
" " "	Isaac F. Toms, Goderich,	Huron " "
" " "	John Parry, Dunnville,	Hamilton " "
" " "	Daniel Spry, Toronto,	Toronto " "
V. " "	Peter Begg, Brighton,	Ontario " "
" " "	H. L. Geddes, Napanee,	P. Edward " "
" " "	Robert Hendry, Kingston,	Central " "
R. " "	E. M. Copeland, Montreal,	Montreal " "
" " "	H. W. Wood, Knowlton,	Eastern T's " "
" " "	H. J. Pratten, Quebec,	Quebec " "
" " "	J. C. Hatheway, St. John,	New Brunswick
" " "	Jas. Henderson, Winnipeg,	Manitoba

The Grand Scribe E., on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on Foreign Correspondence, which was—on motion of R. E. Comp. W. B.

Simpson, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson,—received, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Chapter.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to submit the following as their Annual Report for 1873. The proceedings of the undermentioned twenty-nine Grand Bodies have been received and examined, namely:

1. England (Grand Mark Lodge)	1872	15. Michigan.....	1873
2. Scotland.....	1873	16. Minnesota.....	1872
3. Alabama.....	1872	17. Missouri.....	1872
4. California.....	1872-3	18. New Hampshire.....	1871-2
5. Connecticut.....	1873	19. New Jersey.....	1872
6. Delaware.....	1872	20. New York.....	1873
7. District of Columbia.....	1872	21. North Carolina.....	1872
8. Illinois.....	1872	22. Nova Scotia.....	1872
9. Iowa.....	1872	23. Oregon.....	1872
10. Kansas.....	1872	24. Pennsylvania.....	1872
11. Kentucky.....	1872	25. South Carolina.....	1873
12. Louisiana.....	1873	26. Tennessee.....	1872
13. Maryland.....	1872	27. Texas.....	1872
14. Massachusetts.....	1872	28. Virginia.....	1872
		29. Wisconsin.....	1873

We have not received the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia.

Our review commences with

ENGLAND.

We have received the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, at the half-yearly Communication, held at London, June 4th, 1872, to which is prefixed a statement of the origin of this Grand Lodge.

From this statement, it appears that it was organized in June, 1856, after the failure of an attempt to have the Degree recognized by, and worked under, the Craft Grand Lodge of England. It is claimed that

“There is probably no Degree in Freemasonry that can lay claim to greater antiquity than those of Mark Man or Mark Mason, and Mark Master Mason.

“A Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, appointed to examine into the position of the Degree, reported, in 1865 :—‘In this country from time immemorial and long before the institution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland (in 1736), what is now known as the Mark Master’s Degree, was wrought by the Operative Lodges of St. John’s Masonry.’

“In A.D. 1598, William Schaw, Master of Works to King James VI., orders the *Marks* of all Masons to be inserted in their work.

“In the seventeenth Century, Mother Kilwinning Lodge made members choose their Marks and charged them *four shillings* each for the same.

“On January 7th, A.D. 1778, the Banff Operative Lodge resolved—‘That in time coming, all members that shall hereafter raise to the Degree of Mark Mason, shall pay one Merk Scots, but not to obtain the Degree of Mark Mason, before they are passed Fellow Craft; and those that shall take the Degree of Mark Master Mason, shall pay One Shilling and Sixpence sterling unto the Treasurer for behoof of the Lodge. None to attain to the Degree of Mark Master Mason until they are raised Master.’ This shews clearly the relative positions of the Degrees of Mark Mason or Mark Man, and Mark Master Mason, to each other, and to the Operative Craft. Every Operative Mason, or Fellow Craft, being obliged to be made a Mark Man or Mark Mason, before he could ‘Mark’ his work. While the Degree of Mark Master Mason was confined to those, who as Masters of Lodges or Master Masons, had been chosen to rule over the Fellow Crafts.

“Previous to the Union of the Two Grand Craft Lodges in England, effected in 1813, under the title of ‘The United Grand Lodge of England,’ the Mark Degree was regularly worked in many Lodges, meeting under one or other of the two Constitutions, as well as under the authority of the Grand Lodge, meeting from time immemorial at York. At the said Union, in 1813, the Mark Degree was excluded from the system then adopted. One of the articles of the Declaration agreed to at such Union being—‘Pure and Ancient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, including the Holy Royal Arch.’”

And the statement thus continues :

"The Mark Degree however continued to be extensively worked, especially in the Northern and Midland districts of England, the Lodges being held under immemorial constitution, derived from the Old Athol York Grand Lodge.

"One or other of the Supreme Bodies exercising Masonic Jurisdiction in Scotland, Ireland, and America, has always regarded the Mark Degree as an essential and integral portion of Ancient Freemasonry, while in Scotland it is conferred under the authority of both Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

"In the United States, since the middle of the last century, the Mark Degree has been conferred in independent Mark Lodges, as well as under the authority of Grand Chapters of the Royal Arch.

"In England, as has been shown, the knowledge and working of the Degree has never been lost, but it has been practised from the earliest time in distinct and independent Mark Lodges, which have never acknowledged the jurisdiction of either the Craft Grand Lodges of 1717 or 1813, or of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of 1813.

"In the Colonies much difficulty has been encountered from the establishment of Lodges under different jurisdictions, some recognizing the Mark Degree, and some altogether ignoring it. To remedy this state of confusion, an attempt was made in the year 1855, to obtain its recognition as a separate Degree by 'The United Grand Lodge of England;' and a Committee consisting of members of that Grand Lodge and of members of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England was appointed to investigate and report upon the subject of the Mark Degree.

"Some members of this Committee were already Mark Masters; those who had not taken the Degree had it conferred upon them in the Albany Lodge (time immemorial), Isle of Wight, and in other old Lodges, and some in the Bon Accord Mark Lodge, then recently established in London, under a charter received from the Bon Accord Royal Arch Chapter of Aberdeen.

"The report of the Committee approved by the M. W. Grand Master pronouncing the Mark Degree as in their opinion 'not positively essential, but a graceful appendage to the Degree of Fellow Craft,' was presented to 'The United Grand Lodge of England' at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1856, and was unanimously adopted.

"Owing however partly to the conscientious objections of some of the leading members of Grand Lodge, including the M. W. G. M., who maintained that Grand Lodge was pledged by the Articles of Union only to acknowledge the three Craft Degrees as then worked by the Lodge of

Reconciliation (including the Royal Arch), and partly to the disapproval of many Mark Master Masons of the position, it was proposed to assign to the Mark Degree, at the next ensuing Quarterly Communication of 'The United Grand Lodge of England,' on special motion, duly proposed and seconded, that portion of the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication referring to the Mark Degree was non-confirmed and the *status in quo ante* was resumed.

"The United Grand Lodge of England" having thus formally declared its inability in accordance with its Constitutions, to adopt the Degree into its system, a declaration which has since been repeated on various occasions, several earnest Masons, anxious for its propogation, in place of having recourse to the old English Mark Lodges, applied for and received Charters from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, under the authority of which they opened Lodges and conferred the Degree of Mark Master in London, and other parts of England.

"Other Mark Master Masons who had taken the Degree in various old (time immemorial) English Lodges, together with the members of the Bon Accord Lodge, gladly welcoming the increasing appreciation of the Mark Degree, but not approving this attempt to introduce a Foreign Supreme Masonic Authority into England, resolved to constitute a Grand Lodge with jurisdiction over the Mark Degree in this country and its dependencies, in the establishment of which they at once received the adhesion of the following (time immemorial) Lodges:—

The Northumberland and Berwick,	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
" Royal Cumberland,	Bath.
" Kent,	London.

"The Mark Degree was thus placed under an independent central authority, in accordance with the precedent already set with respect to the Royal Arch Degree, by the Grand Chapters of England and Scotland; as well as by the four London Lodges in the establishment of a Grand Lodge in London, A. D. 1717, 'The Grand Lodge of All England' then meeting at York.

"The Right Honorable Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire [Craft], a thoroughly constitutional Mason, and a personal friend of the M. W. Grand Master of England, was unanimously elected Grand Master of the new organization, and lent most valuable assistance in framing its laws and maturing its system of government.

"The first meeting of the New Grand Lodge was held in June, 1856, when a desire for a general union of all the Mark Masters in England under one head was most warmly expressed. To give effect to this desire,

a meeting was convened, on May 30th, 1857, of representatives from all existing Mark Lodges in England, wherever they could be found; and at this meeting, which was largely attended, a Committee was appointed to concert measures for organizing a union of all regular Mark Master Masons. This Committee reported in favor of a general union of all Mark Lodges upon equal terms in a Grand Mark Lodge.

"Meanwhile, several of the Lodges holding Charters from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland became desirous of uniting under one Supreme Body in this country; considering it 'derogatory to the national character to apply to a sister country for warrants of Constitution,' and a circular was issued in September, 1858, by the Masters of these, advocating a union with the Grand Mark Lodge. Additions were thus continually made to the Lodges ranging themselves under the banner of the Grand Lodge, and Lord Leigh continued to be elected Grand Master till June, 1860, when he was succeeded by the Earl of Carnarvon.

"Of old (time immemorial) Lodges now acknowledging the supremacy of this Grand Lodge, there are—

The Northumberland and Berwick,	Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
" Royal Cumberland,	Bath.
" Kent,	London.
" Prince Edward,	Halifax, Yorkshire.
" Friendship,	Devonport.
" Minerva,	Hull.
" Benevolent,	Stockport.
" Portsmouth,	Portsmouth.
" Roberts,	Rochdale.
" Knights of Malta,	Hinckley.

"Of the Lodges originally holding Charters from Scotland, there are—

The Bon Accord,	London.
" Thistle,	London.
" Cheltenham and Keystone,	Cheltenham.
" West Lancashire,	Liverpool.
" Southwark,	London.
" St. Mark's,	London.
" Langley,	Cardiff.

"The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons is now on terms of friendly reciprocity as regards the Mark Degree with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland, and is represented near the Grand R. A. Chapters of Canada, Pennsylvania, and Iowa. It is also in alliance with the S. G. C. 33°, the Order of K. T., and the Order of the Red Cross of Constantine."

"Grand Masters from the date of Constitution of Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales :

"Right Honorable Lord Leigh.....	1856
"Right Honorable the Earl of Carnarvon.....	1860
"Viscount Holmesdale, <i>M. P.</i>	1863
"W. W. B. Beach, Esq., <i>M. P.</i>	1866
"Rev. George Raymond Portal, <i>M. A.</i>	1869 "

M. W. Bro. Rev. G. R. Portal was present as Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Secretary.

The General Board reported the continued prosperity of the Order. Five hundred certificates were issued during the previous six months, and 10 Warrants were granted to new Lodges.

It was decided that the W. M. of a Mark Lodge, must have been installed W. M. of a Craft Lodge, before being eligible to the Chair, except by Dispensation from the Grand Master, and that if such Dispensation was granted, none of the secrets of the Master's Chair (Craft Lodge) should be given at the installation.

Receipts, £347 5s. 0d.; Expenditure, £251 0s. 11d.; Balance on hand, £212 18s. 4d. There are 148 Lodges on the roll.

REPRESENTATIVES.—To Canada, R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris ; from Canada, V. W. Bro. Frederick Binckes.

M. W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Earl Percy was elected Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary was re-appointed.

SCOTLAND.

The Annual reporter of the Grand Chapter of Scotland for 1872-73 has been received.

During the year ending 10th March, 1873, four new Charters have been granted to Chapters, and Representatives have been exchanged with the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

The Charters granted are as follows :

No. 141, Greymouth, New Zealand.

" 142, St. Nathalan's Lodge of Tulloch in Mar, Ballater, Aberdeenshire.

" 143, Robert Burns, Holytown.

" 144, St. Rollox, Glasgow.

Several petitions from subordinate Chapters, to hold their Elections after the appointed time, were granted by the Supreme Committee.

At the Quarterly Meeting, June 19th, 1872, the Chapter, having taken into consideration a communication from a body in London, called the Grand Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, asking recognition, it was unanimously resolved—"That it is not in the power of the Supreme Chapter to extend recognition to any body not recognized by the lawfully constituted Masonic governing bodies in England."

On July 6th, 1872, a communication having been read from the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, demanding the withdrawal of the Charters held by Chapters in that Province from Scotland, the Committee recommended that the same be allowed to lie on the table, as "the Supreme Chapter has declined to recognize that body."

On the same day a duplicate diploma was authorized to be issued to St. John's Chapter, No. 130, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, "Provided sufficient advertisement of the loss of the original diploma could be made in America."

The abolition of the Past Master's Degree (noticed last year) appears to have created some dissatisfaction in the outlying dependencies of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and a number of communications in regard thereto were received from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Shanghai, &c. On September 18th, 1872, after considering a memorial from Carleton Chapter, No. 47, St. John, N. B., it was resolved, in effect, that the Chapters in St. John be allowed to work the Degree as proposed in the memorial, but that no diploma be issued for the Degree by the Grand Chapter. This was carried by a vote of 21 to 5 against a proposition that a diploma be furnished as formerly.

On December 18th, 1872, the matter came up again, and the effect of the abolition of the Degree upon Foreign Chapters was discussed. It was finally resolved—

“That while the American working remains as at present, Foreign Chapters should be allowed to work what was formerly known as the Past Master's Degree, as a side degree, if they so desired it, in the same manner as the Ark Mariner and Red Cross Degrees are worked; but that should such Chapters have occasion to confer it, they should be bound to instruct their Candidates that this Degree gives them no right to be considered a Past Master of St. John's Masonry, or to wear any of the badges or insignia of that Order.”

A request by a subordinate Chapter, for the loan of the Sashes and Jewels of the Grand Chapter, to be worn at a festival of a Craft Lodge, was refused by the Committee.

A deputation was sent by the Grand Chapter to attend the celebration of the centenary of Union Chapter, No. 61, Dundee, on the 18th February, 1873.

Our proceedings were received and thanks voted therefor.

We deeply regret to learn of the death of our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Scotland, R.E.Comp. Alex. J. Stewart, who was, at the time of his death, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, Registrar of the Priory of the Lothians, and G. Sec'y General of the Supreme Council for Scotland, 33°. We are sure that his lamented decease will be deeply felt and sincerely regretted.

The principal Officers for Scotland now are—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Rosslyn,	First Grand Principal.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie,	Past First “
Samuel Somerville, of Ampherlan,	Depute “
The Right Hon. the Earl of Kellie,	Second “
Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart.,	Third “
Lindsay Mackersy, W. S.,	Grand Scribe E.

ALABAMA.

The forty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 3rd, 1872. M. E. Comp. H. C. Armstrong, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

"Substitutes" are now allowed, but only one at a time. Why not two as well as one? These are the resolutions adopted:—

"WHEREAS, An edict prohibiting the use of substitutes was promulgated by the M. E. Grand Chapter of the State of Alabama in 1853, to be found on page 49 of Chapter Code of Alabama; and,

"Whereas, A closer scrutiny and more careful research have found that in the oldest Chapters on this continent they have been in use from their inception to the present time; and,

"Whereas, At an assemblage of the most prominent and learned Royal Arch Masons, held during the past year, known as the General Grand Chapter of the United States, it was declared that the use of substitutes is neither unlawful nor a violation of the O. B. of a R. A. Mason; therefore,

"Resolved, That the edict above referred to be repealed.

"Resolved, That the use of more than one substitute at a time is forbidden by this Grand Chapter, unless a dispensation shall first have been obtained from the M. E. Grand High Priest."

A motion to resume connection with the General Grand Chapter was laid over for one year.

Business otherwise local.

A very excellent report on correspondence is by Comp. Palmer J. Pillans. Canada for 1871 is kindly noticed.

M. E. Comp. Myles J. Greene was elected G. H. P., and the Grand Secretary was re-elected.

CALIFORNIA.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 9th 1872. M. E. Comp. James L. English, G.H.P., and R. E. Comp. C. L. Wiggin, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports peace and prosperity. He issued two Dispensations for new Chapters.

It was resolved to prohibit the use of more than one "substitute" at a time, unless by Dispensation from the G.H.P., which should only be issued for good cause shown, and on a petition from the majority of the Council of the Chapter.

Also, that in case of a tie vote (except votes by ballot) on any question in a Chapter, the H. P. should have the casting vote besides his own.

Canada for 1871 receives a fraternal notice in the very excellent report on correspondence by the Grand Secretary.

M. E. Comp. Jacob Hart Neff was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Charles Louis Wiggin, Grand Secretary.

Nineteenth Annual Convocation, April 8th, 1873, M. E. Comp. J. H. Neff, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. C. L. Wiggin, Grand Secretary.

Three new Chapters received Dispensations.

The G. H. P. decided that a Companion, who was not a member of any Lodge in the jurisdiction, could not be H. P. of a Chapter.

The recognition of Nova Scotia was laid over till next year.

The Grand Secretary reviews Canada for 1872 in his able report on correspondence. We regret that we have no more time or space for these proceedings.

M. E. Comp. Wm. A. Davies was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. C. L. Wiggin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

A Semi-annual Convocation was held at Norwalk, on October 18th, 1872, at which the work in all the Degrees was exemplified by the Officers of the Grand Chapter, and the lectures of each Degree rehearsed in full.

The seventy-fifth Annual Convocation was held at New Haven, May 13th, 1873. M. E. Comp. W. W. Lee, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a brief address. The Grand King and Grand Scribe made reports of their official visitations. One public installation took place in a Methodist Church.

No grievances.

The report of the Special Committee, to devise a better system of visitation of Chapters and inspection of work, was adopted. In it they say they have considered the appointment of District Deputy G. H. Priests, but "have been unable to find any precedent in the ancient Constitutions and usages of our Order for the modern Office above named, and are opposed to the creation of any new dignities, and the engrafting of novelties upon the body of Masonry; and therefore cannot recommend the appointment of such Officers." The resolutions appended to the report provide for the appointment, by the G. H. P., of some competent and worthy Companion as his proxy, to visit, inspect, and instruct the subordinate Chapters, with full powers. This proxy is to visit each subordinate once in each year, and he is to be paid \$10 for each Chapter so visited, besides necessary expenses.

The yearly Grand Chapter dues were fixed at forty cents *per capita*.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized.

Grand Secretary Wheeler has a mistake in his Table of Grand Secretaries. We have already several times explained that our *Grand Scribe E.* is the same office as their Grand Secretary. Comp. Wheeler has our "Grand Registrar" in that position, which is not correct, and this will probably account for the non-reception by us of the proceedings of Connecticut last year. If they were sent to the Grand Registrar, neither the Grand Secretary nor the Committee on Correspondence are at all likely to see them. Our Grand Secretary (or Grand Scribe E.) is Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton, Ontario.

Memorial pages are dedicated to the memory of William Storer, Ralph I. Ingersoll, and Henry C. Deming.

A very good report on correspondence is by Comp. John N. Lewis. Canada for 1872 is well noticed and extracts given. He has the same mistake, as to our Grand Secretary, as Comp.

Wheeler has, which is corrected above. Comp. Lewis will please note.

Grand Officers re-elected.

DELAWARE.

The fourth Annual Convocation was held at Dover, January 17th, 1872. M. E. Comp. A. V. Lesley, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. F. Godwin, Grand Secretary.

A Warrant was granted to a new Chapter, after considerable discussion as to the right of the Deputy G. H. P. to issue a Dispensation without the seal of the Grand Chapter being attached.

It was ordered that seals of office be procured for both the G. H. P. and D. G. H. P., probably to avoid any difficulty of the like nature in the future; but we think it would be much better met by confining the dispensing powers to the G. H. P. alone.

Comp. D. C. Godwin presented a fair report on correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1871 appear.

M. E. Comp. J. R. McFee was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The sixth Annual Convocation was held at Washington, November 12th, 1872. M. E. Comp. J. Daniels, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. C. W. Hancock, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the G. H. P. we take the following :—

“Companions: I have no other recommendations to make, save the admonition to the members of this Grand Chapter who are officers in the subordinate Chapters, to guard well the entrance to the Tabernacle. The large number dropped from the rolls in some of the Chapters, while it is not sufficient to interfere with the prosperity of the Chapters, it nevertheless shows that some have been permitted to enter who have been attracted to the spot either by idle curiosity or other improper motives; and having

once passed the vails and been permitted to engage with us in one of the most glorious works in which it was ever the privilege of man to engage, their zeal, if they ever had any, dies at the threshold. They become drones in the hive, and have no more appreciation of symbolism of the *Holy Royal Arch* than the blind dog-fish in the Mammoth Cave has of the beauties and brilliancy of the noonday sun; and, my Companions, may it not be the case with us all, that in our desire to keep pace with the rapid growth of Masonry, we, to some extent, lose sight of the necessity of scrutinizing with jealous eye the material with which we build; for no man who is fit to be a Mason, and who properly appreciates the work in which he is engaged, will, under ordinary circumstances, allow his name to be dropped from the rolls of the craft, and help swell the ranks of those nondescripts, unaffiliated Masons. The fear is not that we shall build too slow, but that the work and material will be such as will not stand the test of the storm of proscription and persecution which is sure, sooner or later, to descend and beat upon our Temple.

Ours is not like the visible Temple of Solomon, of Apollo, of Curnas, or the pyramids of Egypt, which were but the monuments of the idolatry of the Oriental nations of the earth, or the mausoleums for the repose of the kingly dead. It is invisible and imperishable; its foundations are laid deep in the human soul, and extend throughout the length and breadth of the earth, its pyramidal dome reaching to the throne of the Eternal. And so must our industry and zeal be proved by works which are imperishable and everlasting, so that when we vanish from the eye of mortals, our good deeds and kind words may be emblazoned upon the glittering dome of our sacred temple to light up the pathway of generations yet unborn."

Comp. John Edwin Mason was received as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The recognition of Nova Scotia was postponed, as a matter of courtesy to the Grand Chapter of Scotland.

A special Convocation was held on December 4th, 1872, to institute Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 7, at Washington, R. E. Comp. N. D. Larner, Deputy G. H. P., presiding.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Noble D. Larner, and is an excellent paper. We regret that our proceedings were not received.

M. E. Comp. Abner T. Longley was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. L. G. Stephens, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October 24th, 1872. M. E. Comp. James A. Hawley, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. issued four Dispensations for new Chapters. Among the Representatives appointed to other Grand Chapters, we notice one to the Grand Chapter of "*Ontario*." We know of no such Grand Chapter. Ours is the Grand Chapter of *Canada*, and we would like our Illinois Companions to make the correction and call us by our proper name. There is no Grand Chapter of Ontario, but we understand there is a Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ontario, and it may be that the Representative appointed was to that body, called, by mistake, Grand Chapter.

A large amount of business was transacted.

The following report was adopted :—

"Your Committee on Lectures, appointed at the last Convocation, have given the subject such consideration as their opportunities would allow, and respectfully report that they find the subject one fraught with many difficulties, and that in their opinion, with the work now promulgated in this jurisdiction, and the monitors published by Eminent Companions, there really exists no pressing need of any system of lectures more than we now have, and recommend no action in the case, and ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the subject."

Also the following resolution :—

"That Resolution No. 21 be so amended as to read as follows: 'That any Companion shall have the right at any time to object to the advancement of a candidate, and said objection shall have the same effect as a black ball.'"

The Grand Secretary writes the report on correspondence. He is very concise in his remarks, and gives good extracts. Canada for 1871 is well noticed.

M. E. Comp. Asa W. Blakesley was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James H. Miles was re elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The eighteenth Annual Convocation was held at Oskaloosa, October 16th, 1872. M. E. Comp. E. A. Guilbert, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. does not believe in the one month's probation before ballot. We cannot agree with him in this:—

"During the year I have granted quite a number of special dispensations to subordinate Chapters, to receive and act upon petitions out of time. I hold that the probation of one month required by our present law, is entirely unnecessary. Chapters are as well prepared on the night a petition is presented, to ballot upon Master Mason applicants, as they are one month thereafter, and I see no reason why the probation should be required by this Grand Body. I think it would be better, in every way, to abrogate the law and allow the ballot to be had, as is done in the Commaneries, on the night the petition is presented."

We quote one of his decisions, which contains a new point:

"*6th Query.* "Three Master Masons, members of a Lodge within the jurisdiction of our Chapter, reside at a point equi-distant from our own and from two sister Chapters. Does the fact that they are members of a Lodge nearer us than any other establish a jurisdiction in our favor?"

"*Answer.* In your case the rule is, that a Chapter has control over the material in all Lodges which are nearer to it than to other Chapters; Lodge membership, where candidates are equi-distant from several Chapters, governs; therefore, these Master Masons are your material."

In Iowa, the use of "substitutes" is forbidden, and any High Priest who allows their use is censured; but there is hope for them even then, as we see one H. P., just before being censured, was elected Grand King, and another appointed Master of the 3rd Veil. That is one way of doing it.

It was

"*Resolved, as a general regulation,* That hereafter no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall retain any Companion as a member in good standing, who is not affiliated with some Blue Lodge, but that if he is dimitted from his Lodge he shall occupy a corresponding position in reference to his Chapter, in cases of a continued dimission of one year, or where the party has not applied for membership in a Lodge upon his dimit and been rejected."

These proceedings are embellished with a fine steel engraving, the portrait of the G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Guilbert.

Comp. U. D. Taylor again presented the report on correspondence. We approve of the following :—

“One hundred and fifty dollars were appropriated for the relief of an ‘entirely destitute’ companion,—a most laudable object,—but his name must also needs be published to the masonic (and *un-masonic*, if they choose to examine this report,) world. Now, we do, in the name of all that is good in charity, protest against this practice; it is unjust, unmasonic, unchristian, ungenerous, and unkind. Every subordinate Chapter can be informed by their representative for what purpose, and to whom the moneys were appropriated, so the suppression of the name in the published proceedings would work no wrong. But on the other hand, think, oh, my friend, how would you like to read in a book that you knew could be found in almost every library in the country, that *your* father ‘had been assisted for the past two years by the Lodge and Chapter in,’ etc., etc.? We do not speak so feelingly on this subject for the reason that we, or our ‘father, or our father’s father’ has ever received such assistance,—God grant we never may; but He only knows how soon we may, and *should* that time ever come, we are very sure we would rather starve than leave *such* an inheritance to *our* children.”

Canada for 1871 is fraternally noticed, and we are touched up in this manner :

“Companion Robertson—who, we believe, is a member, and high up, too, of the M. A. S.—presents another of his good reports, Iowa for 1871 included. Says many ‘pretty, sweet’ things of ourself, and quotes largely from our report, *and*, if he don’t give our successor a better chance than we have to quote from ‘him and his,’ we shall move for his indefinite suspension. Truth is, he says what he has to say so tersely, and ‘tis so intimately connected with the subject matter in hand, we cannot quote without destroying, and we are no masonic iconoclast.”

Grand Officers re-elected.

KANSAS.

The eight Annual Convocation was held at Fort Scott, October 14th, 1872. M. E. Comp. E. D. Hillyer, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P., in his address, says :

"The growth of the Order during the past year has been such as to create the conviction that worth and personal character have been more regarded than mere numerical strength ; and in this vigilant watchfulness of the portals of the Tabernacle lies the safety and hope of the Order."

It was resolved that six months should elapse, after the rejection of an applicant for degrees, before his petition could be again received.

No grievances.

Canada for 1871 is included in the report on correspondence by the Grand Secretary, but he credits our report of that year to the wrong Companion.

Grand Officers re-elected.

KENTUCKY.

The fifty-seventh Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 21st, 1872. M. E. Comp. J. P. Rascoe, G. H. P. In consequence of the death of the lamented Philip Swigert, while in office, the G.H.P. has appointed Comp. John M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. refused all applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, as he could see no emergency in the cases presented.

A proposal to have District Deputy G. H. Priests, who should receive mileage and per diem from the subordinate Chapters requiring their services, was negatived.

The Committee on Correspondence presented a resolution that the Grand Chapter should resume its relation to the General Grand Chapter. The further consideration of the resolution was postponed until the next Annual Convocation.

A memoir of the late Companion Philip Swigert is incorporated with the proceedings. "For half a century he was a representative man in the business and masonic circles of Kentucky, and yet he died without a stain upon his honor."

M. E. Comp. Wm. Ryan was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 11th, 1873. (Proceedings received by us *this 28th March*, for which expeditious and satisfactory receipt we are indebted to our *confrere* Comp. Hornor. This Grand Chapter places 50 copies of its proceedings each year at the personal disposition of the Chairman of Correspondence.)

M. E. Comp. M. E. Girard, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P., in his address, advocates the abolition of Committees of Investigation. He thinks that if one of a Committee reports unfavorably, and the candidate is afterwards rejected, it would be naturally supposed that *that* Committeeman had cast the black ball, and thus the secrecy of the ballot would be destroyed. In concluding his remarks on this subject he says:

"By abolishing the special committee, specially the written report, and referring the matter to all the members, I feel confident that there would be at least *three* out of the whole number of the members who would attend cheerfully to the duty: the work would be fully as well if not better done than it is now: we would be sure that we do not break down, or at least impair one of our most efficient rules of action in the protection of the Chapter and Craft against the introduction of unworthy material; and also effectually protect the member in his inherent right of not being questioned directly or indirectly about the ballot he may have cast, by avoiding all possibility of its being known, or even suspected, how any one may have voted on an application.

"However, if you should be of opinion that the work is better done by a small Committee, then I would suggest that you make a change in the appointment of the Committee, and the mode of making their report. The names of the Committee should not be announced publicly by the High Priest; but having been selected by him, each member thereof might be notified (by the H. P. or the Secretary,) privately of his appointment, without his being informed even who the others are: each would report to the High Priest alone, and he would make known to the Chapter the facts reported and the result of the investigation of the Committee; thus, if any

one of the Committee should make an unfavorable report, and a black-ball was cast which might be imputed to him, none but the High Priest could entertain any suspicion as to who might have voted it."

He also believed that the practice of requiring an affiliation fee from joining Companions should be discontinued.

The Deputy G. H. P., who does not appear to be merely an ornamental appendage in this jurisdiction, also presented a report of his official acts. He granted three Dispensations for different purposes, and made decisions as follows :

"1st. Objections can be made by any member of a Chapter to the conferring of degrees on an elected applicant.

"2nd. Such objections must be made known to either the Chapter or the High Priest, and the reasons for such objections cannot be demanded.

"3rd. If such objections are made, the degrees cannot be conferred upon the applicant, and he must be considered as rejected, and his money paid with his petition, returned to him, and the Grand Secretary notified of the rejection.

"4th. Such objections hold good as long as the objecting Companion remains a member of the Chapter.

"5th. The dimission of a member of a Chapter from his lodge, does not effect his standing in the Chapter."

On these proceedings, the Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, say :

"We approve of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th decisions of the Deputy Grand High Priest, and approve of the 3rd decision stopping at the word applicant, but do not agree with him that a candidate who has been elected and estopped by the objection of a member must be considered as rejected and his money returned to him, &c. Such objection may be subsequently withdrawn, when the candidate, no other objections being made, could take his degrees."

We are glad they "put on the brakes" *somewhere*. This objection business is being carried on decidedly too far. Where it is allowed it gets the Grand Chapter and their subordinates into all sorts of difficulties, and at nearly every Session a *new law* has to be passed to meet some particular case which has arisen since the last, until even now, although this question is

comparatively a new one, the legislation and decisions on this point alone, would make a respectable volume. Here, in Canada, we have no law on the subject, either for or against "objections after election," and we find no inconvenience whatever from the want of one. But if a law must be had, how much better and easier, and more simple it would be to allow no objections except *for cause*, and to require the objections to be followed by a *charge* and *due trial*. We believe that a M. M. who can be shown to be unfit to be made a R. A. M., is not fit to remain a M. M.; and if he cannot be thus shown to be unfit, and the Companions by a unanimous ballot have decided to accept him, we hold that he is entitled to the Chapter Degrees, and to receive that information, which he is told in the Craft Lodge, belongs to him as a M. M., but which he cannot get there.

The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized.

There were no appeals or grievances.

A page is set apart to the memory of John McKee, Grand Scribe in 1854.

We are heartily glad to notice the elevation of the talented and energetic Chairman of Foreign Correspondence, Comp. Joseph P. Horner, to the office of Grand High Priest. We are also rejoiced that we are not to lose him on that account from the ranks of the Reporters, the Grand Chapter having very sensibly unanimously requested him to continue also in his former position.

Canada for 1872 receives a fraternal notice. We find the following under the head of New York.

"In answer to our question whether the degree of Past Grand Master is conferred in the Grand Lodge, he says: 'That certain instructions are given a Grand Master in this (New York) jurisdiction by Past Grand Masters before he assumes the Gavel as Grand Master. How is it in Louisiana, Companion?' We never heard of such a thing in this jurisdiction, and do not believe that it was ever attempted to be conferred here, and would as soon think of having it done as to have the Order of High Priesthood conferred in our Grand Chapter, or any other degree unknown to Masonry worked in either."

M. Comp. Joseph P. Horner was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, Nov. 11th, 1872. M. E. Comp. G. L. McCahan, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Wm. A. Wentz, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. H. P. is interesting. He granted two Dispensations for new Chapters. We extract part of his historical remarks:—

“The date of the formation of this Grand Chapter is a question, the solution of which has occupied considerable attention for some time, but without satisfactory success until a few months since. In order to develop all the available facts in the premises, I have examined all the documents and records in the possession of this Grand Chapter, and although the exact date cannot positively be fixed, yet enough has been brought to light to enable us to rank as one of the oldest in the United States.

“In 1816 application was made to the Grand Chapter for a Charter of Recognition to recuscitate a Chapter which had lain dormant for some years, which was referred to the Grand High Priest with authority to issue a Charter, as prayed for, to those claiming a right of membership in said Chapter. The Charter was accordingly issued—a copy of which is among the archives of the Grand Chapter—and in a preamble embodied in it, is rehearsed the fact that a Grand Chapter was held in the City of Baltimore, A. I. 2327, and at Washington, A. I. 2327.

“In addition to the above, there is also on file among the archives, a communication from Companion Jesse Green to the Grand Chapter, dated May 8th, 1826, praying remuneration for a loan made by him to the Grand Chapter in 1804.

“The above facts are all that can be presented at present, on the subject of the date of the formation of our Grand Chapter, but they are fully sufficient to show that this Grand Chapter existed in 1797—a very early period in the history of Grand Chapters in this Country.”

His sketch of the Council Degrees, in Maryland, is also well worthy of perusal.

“The subject of the Council Degrees has been so often before this Grand Chapter, that I doubt if I could overcome my reluctance to speak of them were it not that I am imbued with the hope that the legislation in regard to them will be final.

"This Grand Chapter became a member of the General Grand Chapter the United States in the year 1816, under the express agreement that it should not be forced to alter its mode of working—the Council Degrees being then as now conferred, prior to the Royal Arch.

"Companion Philip P. Eckel claimed the control of the Select Degree, and considered it of such importance that this Grand Chapter was induced to recognize it in the Constitution revised in 1824, wherein it was placed in order immediately before the Royal Arch, and so remained, until the Constitution was revised in 1856, to conform to an amendment then recently made to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, in which the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch only were recognized. No prohibition however as to any Grand Chapter—in whose jurisdiction no Grand Council existed—exercising control over the Degrees was promulgated, and consequently no occasion occurred, requiring this Grand Chapter to assert its rights in the premises, further than by continuing its recognition of the right of its subordinates to confer said Degrees according to usage in this jurisdiction.

"Maryland occupies indirectly a prominent part in the interest attracted to these Degrees and their early dissemination throughout a large portion of the country, from the fact that Companion Jeremy L. Cross, who had been appointed Grand Lecturer of the General Grand Chapter, visited Baltimore in 1816, and received from Companions Eckel and Niles the Degree of Select Master, with authority to confer it, without charge, upon Royal Arch Masons. Companion Cross violated the confidence reposed in him, by charging a fee for conferring the degree, as well as establishing Councils 'independent of Royal Arch Masonry' which had never been contemplated by Companions Eckel and Niles, and which action was pronounced by this Grand Chapter, in 1827, as 'a great mistake or actual abuse of any authority delegated, or meant to be delegated in relation to the Select Degree.' On the other hand Companion Cross set up the claim that he 'received from Companions Eckel and Niles a warrant to confer the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees, they being explanatory of the Royal Arch, and to establish Councils in all places where there was a Royal Arch Chapter, if they so desired,' under cover of which he established, between the Autumn of 1816 and the Summer of 1819, thirty-three Councils throughout the States of Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Delaware, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont. The greater number of these Councils subsequently joined in the formation of Grand Councils in the several States named, whilst Grand Councils in the other States have been formed mostly by subordinates chartered either by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, to which it is conceded these degrees originally belonged as 'side degrees,' or by Grand Councils established by authority derived from that source.

"Maryland has ever maintained that the Council degrees should be under the control of the Chapters, and be conferred before the Royal Arch, but we find at the present time but three other Grand Chapters who think alike with us; the remainder all have regularly organized Grand Councils, which exercise jurisdiction over them, and under whose fostering care their usefulness and value are undoubtedly greatly enhanced.

"In order then to aid in the perfection of the 'American System,' and to place ourselves in unison with the great majority of Grand Jurisdictions of our country, I urge upon the Grand Chapter to forbid her subordinates conferring these degrees, and let us as Select and Royal Masters proceed to organize subordinate Councils, and, at as early a date as possible, a Grand Council. No change will be required in our Chapter work, as the committee on its revision so arranged it in anticipation as to preclude any such necessity."

We also quote the following:—

"In December, 1871, a Companion hailing from Canada, properly avouched for, was admitted as a visitor to several of the Baltimore Chapters, after which it was discovered that he was a minor. Upon investigation he satisfactorily proved having been exalted by Dispensation. Doubts naturally existed, however, whether he had been regularly made, as the acknowledged view of the matter was that this privilege was, in rare instances, only accorded to Princes of the Royal blood. I would suggest the fact that whilst this Grand Chapter may not be willing to dictate to a Grand Body not of our own Nationality, at what age she may make Masons, she can define, for the guidance of her subordinates, the extent of their privileges in determining whom they will admit as visitors."

On this latter subject, the Committee (whose report was adopted) say:—

"The M. E. G. H. Priest alludes to the fact of a Companion from an outside jurisdiction visiting some of the city Chapters who was a minor, and was exalted by Dispensation. Your Committee do not notice this subject, because this Grand Chapter has power over such occurrences, but make it the occasion of pronouncing the fact, that they do not believe that any man or body of men 'has the right' to make innovations in the body of Masonry by Dispensation or otherwise, and if they occupied the High Priest's chair, would not admit, as a visitor, any one thus Dispensed with."

To this we have to say, that if the visiting Companion was legally exalted, according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which he was exalted, no Chapter has any right to refuse him admission on account of his minority. We understand that the

Companion alluded to, being a "Lewis," was initiated while under age by a Dispensation granted by the Grand Master of Canada. It cannot be denied that the G. M. had power to issue such a Dispensation. Under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, "Lewises" are habitually initiated at 18 years of age, and we apprehend that each Grand Jurisdiction can fix the age at which it is proper to admit candidates. It being granted then that the action of the G. M. was proper, it follows that the brother was legally and regularly "made a Mason." Now neither the laws of the Grand Chapter of Canada, nor those of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, nor those of any other Grand Chapter that we are aware of, require that a candidate for exaltation shall be of any particular age. So that a minor may properly be a Royal Arch Mason, provided his initiation into Masonry be proper, and his want of age only, should be no objection to his reception as a visitor in any regular Chapter.

The same Committee also remark:

"As to 'Past Masters who are such only by receiving the degrees as preparatory to the Royal Arch,' they are *nominal* Past Masters only, not *actual*, and as such have no rights among *actual* Past Masters, and no business there."

With which we agree.

Many of the Chapters not having any proper work, and the candidates being "bungled" through, it was

"*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the rural Chapters to avail themselves, at least once during the recess of the Grand Chapter, of the services of the Grand Lecturer, for the purpose of instruction only, and for that purpose they should devote not less than three days each to such instruction, and the Grand Lecturer shall be allowed twenty dollars for each Chapter thus instructed."

And the Council Degrees were thus disposed of:

"*Resolved*, That all subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction are prohibited from conferring any other degrees than those of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch."

The proceedings of 37 Grand Chapters, including Canada for 1871, are ably reviewed by Comp. Hermon L. Emmous, jr.

Grand Officers re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At the Quarterly Convocation, on March 12th, 1872, the following action was taken on Representatives:—

“1. It appears that the action of Masonic Grand Bodies, in appointing Representatives near other Grand Bodies, is a novelty in Masonic usage, and of very modern origin.

“2. That such action finds little Masonic favor from Grand Masonic Bodies generally. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has repeatedly declined to recognize such representation. The Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island has likewise refused to commit itself to the custom.

“3. This Grand Chapter has now a Committee of Foreign Correspondence, through which it is able to inform itself of transactions of moment accomplished in other jurisdictions; thus obviating any apparent necessity for Representatives near it from such jurisdictions. The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, together with the report of its Committee of Foreign Correspondence, are published, and copies are sent to all other Grand Chapters in this country; so that they are informed of what transpires in this jurisdiction that is of interest for the Craft to know.

“4. It does not appear that the office of Representative is other than simply honorary, and in all respects nominal. Under present laws no power or privilege is or can be associated with such office. Therefore,—

“5. With only the warmest feeling of respect and affection for Excellent Comp. Chickering, and the most respectful and fraternal regard for Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New York, it is deemed inexpedient at this time to recognize representation.”

On the 10th September, 1872, the subject of the Tetragrammaton, and the action thereon by the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, having been referred to the Grand Council, the Grand High Priest, in their behalf, made a report from which we make some extracts:

“At the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, held in the city of Baltimore, in September, 1871, the ‘Grand Royal Arch Word,’ together with the name of Deity, became a subject for discussion.

“It was held to be an error to give the word as it has hitherto been given in this and many other jurisdictions in the United States and elsewhere. Jah, was by all, admitted to be the Hebrew name of God; but it was

broadly stated that Baal or Bel, was the name of the devil, while On was a city in Egypt; hence the error, and hence the impropriety of using them, or of alluding to God under either of those names.

"This view was urged apparently with great confidence by eminent and learned Companions, though I did not admit either its disinterestedness or correctness; nor has such a view ever been taken by this Grand Chapter, either in theory or practice.

"I expressed my disbelief in the right of the General Grand Chapter to eliminate those words from our practice; and, by suggestion, questioned its power to enforce such a decision.

"To the Christian worshipper, Baal, or Bel, may stand as the name of a false god or devil; but 'the Assyrians, Babylonians, Phœnicians and Carthaginians, all possessed a nearly identical religion. They all believed in a *Supreme God*, called by the different names of *Ilu, Bel, Set, Hadad, Moloch, Chemosh, Jaoh, El, Adon, Asshur.*'"

A large number of authorities are cited, and the subject is dealt with in an exhaustive manner.

"The object of this note is to explain how the three parts of the Grand word are each the name of God in different languages. It is also spoken of in Lecture Third.* There is no essential difference between On and Om; it is sometimes pronounced one way, sometimes another. The Egyptian word Al-om-Jah is the same as Jah-al-lom, or, introducing the prefix B, which denotes the male principle, we have Jah-Bal-om, a very remarkable coincidence."

"Jah signifies 'I am' in Chaldaic, and in Hebrew it signifies 'I shall be.' A Jew cannot pronounce it aloud.

"Baal, in Syriac, signifies 'Lord,' or 'Powerful.' It is likewise a compound word, being formed of a preposition, Beth or B, and another expression, which signifies 'in heaven' or 'on high.'

"The Third, which is an Egyptian word, signifies '*Father of All*,' also a Hebrew word implying 'Power.'

"The three syllables, or whole expression, convey the following divine import:—

"I am and shall be, 'Lord in Heaven,' on High, The Powerful, the Father of All."

"Under this appellation the Deity was worshipped by the Egyptians, and acknowledged as 'He who is.'

"If we regard '*On*' in the character of a city only, it still has a sacredness about it which lifts it out of the association of purely secular things, and

invests it with sufficient traditional sanctity to commend it to the reverence of the Craft.

"Mr. Clark says that 'In Lower Egypt the highest god was Pthah, whom the Greeks identified with Vulcan, the god of fire or heat, father of the sun.'

"The inscriptions call Pthah, Father of the Father of the Gods,' King of both Worlds,' the 'God of all Beginnings,' the 'Former of things.'

"His Son Ra, the Sun-God, had his temple at On, 'which the Greeks called Heliopolis, or City of the Sun.' 'Ra is the vitalizing God, the active ruler of the world, holding a sceptre in one hand, and the sign of life in the other.'

"Truly his temple and city of residence must have been sacred in the eyes of the devout Egyptian, while antiquity and tradition alike commend its preservation. * * * * *

"The practical motive of the Hindoo Triad no doubt 'came from the effort of the Brahmins to unite all India in one worship.'

"Surely, then, we who learn in our first step that Freemasonry 'unites men of every country, sect and opinion,' may justly frown upon any sectarian attempt to corrupt our ritual, and as justly strive to preserve the Triad unimpaired, as received from the Fathers of Jah the Creator, Bel the Powerful, and On as 'He who is,' or, if so be, the City of the Sun, the fountain of Light, before which, in the Burning Bush, 'Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look upon God.'

"Hence the sum of the argument is, that the Jews referred to Deity under many different names, and they have left the question so unsettled that scholars are undecided still as to what was the true name; but whether as Jah or Jehovah, as the God of Abraham, or the Lord of Hosts, their faith was in one living God; and they treated other nations as idolators, worshipping 'strange Gods;' but give no proof that the Jewish, Assyrian, Chaldean, or Egyptian Devil was worshipped by either one of those nations.

"The Scriptures disclose that Baal or Bel was worshipped as a God, though not strictly of the Jewish standard. The Jews, however, acknowledged him as a God. The Assyrians, Phœnicians and Chaldeans worshipped him as such. Companion Mackey declared it to be so, and put his opinion in print. The Grand Chapter of Scotland has so taught it, and so teaches it. History and tradition alike prove it; philology criticises the claim, and finds it to be correct. Baal, therefore, was no Devil to be worshipped, but the God of his people, powerful to save as to destroy. * * *

"Hasty and unnecessary legislation begets evils greater than it seeks to correct; trifles magnified, become mountains without weight; brushing these aside, we come to this conclusion, that the action of the General

Grand Chapter was hasty and ill-advised, taken without any previous notice having been given to the represented, unless it may be considered sufficient to have referred to it in 1868; but its members in 1871 were many of them new, their several Grand Chapters had not been consulted; the question was discussed by those prepared for it, and wishing a change; hence, through indifference, hesitation and doubt, all apparently like nothing, against the advocacy of Companions Mackey and Pike, a conclusion was reached which cannot be sustained by the facts of Tradition, of History, of Science, or of Masonry.

"We therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter continue to instruct in the Ritual in the future, as it has in the past, believing that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry will be best promoted by protecting the Landmarks against innovation, and transmitting, unimpaired, the traditions received from the founders of the Order in the Old World, as well as in the New.

"It is also recommended, That it will not violate any allegiance to this Grand Chapter, if its subordinates shall instruct their members in the way and manner of the change attempted to be made by the General Grand Chapter; to the end that they may be skilled workers wherever they may visit."

This report was adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Special Convocations were held, October 11th, 1872, to constitute North Star Chapter, at Winchenden; and November 30th, 1872, to constitute Reading Chapter, at Reading.

The Annual Convocation was held at Boston, December 10th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Z. H. Thomas, jr., Grand Secretary.

The degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master were exemplified during the forenoon, after which a recess was taken and the Companions invited to partake of a collation in the Banqueting Hall.

During the afternoon the Royal Arch Degree was fully exemplified; the whole being in the presence of the largest annual assemblage of R. A. Masons yet held within the jurisdiction, who gave the usual close attention to its progress and details.

The address of the G. H. P. is very long and very interesting. Of the condition of the Chapters he says:—

"The Chapters are generally reported to be in good condition, a more

than average amount of work has been done, good material has been wrought into our structure, harmony has characterized the labors of the Craft, and the year closes as peacefully and as prosperously as hope can desire.

"There are now sixty-two Chapters in the State; among so many it is scarcely to be expected that they should be alike prosperous; and yet the work of the year has been very large."

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"I have during the year installed the officers in ten of the Chapters; to four of these occasions the ladies were admitted, and they as well as the Companions seemed to enjoy the ceremonies. To two of them none below the grade of Master Mason were admitted; and I am well assured that in neither of these public, or partially so, occasions, did our grade suffer by comparison."

The G. H. P. thus refers to the fire:—

"On the evening of Saturday, November 9th, 1872, a fire broke out in Boston which was to be the most disastrous of any in the history of the city, and completing the trio of Portland, Chicago and Boston conflagrations.

"I first became a spectator of it at about half-past ten, and watched its progress for a time from the roof of a building, saved, but in close proximity to its southern and western limit. Slowly but surely the fire eat its way up Summer street, structure after structure lighted and glowed in its embrace, into old Trinity church, around it and into Thorndike building, which for three years preceding the summer of 1867 afforded a Home to the Masonic Bodies in Boston, Grand and Subordinate, after their house and Temple had been destroyed by a former conflagration. I saw it blaze and glitter with the feeling that an old friend needed help, but none could come; and when the walls burst assunder and fell with a great crash, it seemed as with a mighty voice expiring in fierce struggle to bid farewell to the many pleasant Masonic associations and memories that clustered around it.

"But the lesson which impressed itself upon me, and which I would, if possible, impress upon you, was, how much of God can be manifested in man in the midst of great trial and tribulation.

"Were vice and crime manifested there, they were felt to be as hideous irruptions. In the great throngs I saw many of the Craft whose sympathies were given, in common with others, and mingled with the divine qualities of seriousness of demeanor, patience under great excitement and visible losses, hope in the presence of bitter misfortunes, cheerfulness before manifest sorrow, goodness of heart and willingness of hand, until it seemed that men as they then appeared were scarcely of the earth, earthy."

After submitting some correspondence on this subject, M. E. Comp. Chapman enters into an elaborate argument to prove that Thomas Smith Webb was not the author of the degree of Most Excellent Master, nor of radical changes in the ritual of the Royal Arch. He produces a large number of authorities, and gives much useful historical information. We have only space for part of his conclusion :—

“No doubt, too, but Thomas Smith Webb found the Royal Arch Masons of his time uncertain in their phraseology, and the ritual crude for reasons altogether external to any intrinsic quality of its own. His papers, which I have had the pleasure to examine, and his ‘Free Masons’ Monitor,’ show that he was a devoted servant and student of Capitular Masonry; and though he applied himself to the perfection of the ritual with the zeal of youth, it was also with the conviction that he should ‘present the work of his hands’ for the inspection of age.

“In the several editions of his Monitor, the first published in 1797, development is most manifest; what the Brethren of St. Andrew’s and Newburyport Chapters aimed to do prior to his masonic day, he also aimed to accomplish with the benefit of their knowledge. Starting from the point to which they had attained, he applied the law by which knowledge may be acquired, and worked in whatever field he properly could to find the fragments of a disjointed structure.

“In this cause he worked, as his successors have also worked, in every grade and degree of Masonry, since he has rested from his labors until the present hour.

“To charge him, therefore, with manufacturing a degree without any corner-stone or base on which to rear the structure, is an attempt to weaken respect for the memory of a deserving Brother, as well as to subject the degree itself to the suspicion of an unworthy paternity.”

Comp. John W. Dadmun continues as reporter, and gives another of his valuable reviews. The proceedings are published three months earlier than usual which will account for ours not being noticed.

We rejoice at the acquisition of another able advocate on our side of the “objecting” question. Comp. Dadmun’s remarks on this subject have our hearty approval. He says:

“When a Brother has been carried through to the R. A., and then objections are made to his advancement, those objections should be stated

to the Chapter, or a Committee, and the Chapter should decide upon their merits. We do not believe that an objection or a 'protest' should have the same effect as a black ball until withdrawn by the Companion presenting it. If Masons were always perfect, and free from unworthy prejudices, it might make a difference. Masons are but men, subject to like passions with other men. How often it is the case that stories are circulated detrimental to the character of an applicant for the degrees, and the Committee having the case in charge, after a thorough investigation, find them to be wholly unfounded!

"The validity of a protest in the cases above cited, should be decided by vote of the Chapter. Look at the condition in which these Brethren are placed by this decision. They are not only M. M., but they are M. M. M., P. M. and M. E. M., in good and regular standing too, for the protest is only against their advancement. If there is a protest that should stop them from receiving the R. A., then it should be embodied in the form of charges, and after due trial the Brethren should be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

Courage! Comps. Corson and Dadmun! We will yet "educate" our *confreres* in to looking at this protesting business in its proper light. They will wonder by-and-by how they could have been so mistaken. And then, with the combined talent of the "corps," we will teach our promising pupils the Grand Chapters, the rights of Candidates, and the difference between a black ball and an objection.

M. E. Comp. Alfred F. Chapman, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Z. H. Thomas, jr., Grand Secretary, both re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Detroit, January 1st, 1873. M. E. Comp. Leonard H. Randall, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. issued two Dispensations for new Chapters. He reports progress.

"A year ago we were called upon to mourn over the desolation of our Companions, who had been deprived of their worldly goods by the October fires. I am happy to state that, by the exercise of indomitable energy, and with the assistance received from the Fraternity and friends, the desert places have been rebuilt, and our Companions are again in a prosperous condition."

And is against "Special" Dispensations. He received a number of petitions—

"Which, upon a careful examination and consideration, I have in each instance refused to grant, believing as I do that the frequent granting of such applications is not calculated promote the good of the Craft, and ought to be done only in extreme cases. When a Mason has resided within the jurisdiction of a Chapter a number of years, and has had occasion to observe the workings of our institution, and has had no desire to become a member thereof until a time when he determines to change his residence or go abroad, and then makes his application, it carries with it a strong presumption that he is influenced by selfish and mercenary motives, instead of a desire to be serviceable to his fellow creatures, and of uniting in the grand design of being happy himself and communicating happiness to others. The Temple at Jerusalem was seven years in building, which ought to teach us this lesson: That we should not be hasty in the selection and preparation of material for our moral and Masonic edifice, remembering always that our strength does not consist in the number of Royal Arch Masons, or the rapidity with which we make them, so much as in the material we use."

The following rules were adopted:

"*Resolved*, 1st, That no Royal Arch Mason shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled by a subordinate Chapter for non-payment of dues, or for any other offence, without charges in writing having been first filed in his Chapter, due notice to be accused, and a fair trial, except in pursuance of resolution second.

"*Resolved*, 2nd, That, as every Royal Arch Mason must be a Master Mason in good standing of a Regular Lodge of Master Masons, therefore, when a Royal Arch Mason shall be suspended or expelled by a lodge of Master Masons, he shall stand as suspended or expelled from the Chapter of which he is a member, without charges, notice, or trial, until he shall have been restored to membership of a Regular Lodge of Master Masons.

"*Resolved*, 3rd, That it is unlawful for the Chapter to strike the name of any of its members from the roll of membership without charges, notice and trial, except in pursuance of the above resolution, No. 2."

The Grand Secretary notices Canada for 1872, in his report on Foreign Correspondence, and gives several extracts.

M. E. Comp. John W. Finch was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Eastman Johnson, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The eleventh Annual Convocation was held at St. Paul, January 9th, 1872. M. E. Comp. G. W. Merrill, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a very good address.

"Companions, I have but very little of official action to report to you. The Chapters of this jurisdiction are in general enjoying a fair degree of prosperity, and no case of discord has come to my knowledge. The principles of the Royal Art are exerting their beneficent influence, and the mission of Freemasonry, to harmonize the differences, and ameliorate the asperities of life, is not forgotten."

He issued two Dispensations for new Chapters, one at Duluth, named Keystone Chapter, Comp. J. J. Hull, H. P.

We need make no apology for transcribing these paragraphs from the address:—

"And where, in Masonry, are more important lessons inculcated for the practical duties of life, than in the Capitular degrees? I know not how any one who has been 'marked'—technically—can ever forget or lightly esteem the moral precepts or the practical lessons so beautifully taught in the ritual of that degree; nor how any intelligent and thoughtful Brother who has seen the capstone deposited with shouting and praise, can fail to see the significance of that beautiful ceremony—that it is typical of the last act in the drama of his own life—which, if it has been built upon the sure foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, will, in its last scene, be celebrated by actors unseen by mortal eyes, shouting, Grace! Grace unto it! Nor do I know how one who has been exalted in due form, can fail to realize that there has been, in reality, an exaltation; that he stands on a higher level, has received new light, and thenceforth his Masonic labors are to be directed to the building of his spiritual house, which is to abide eternally—upon the foundation stones of which, and upon its pillars and door-posts and capstones, is to be inscribed, 'Holiness to the Lord.'

"It is not uncommon, of late, for Masonic writers and reviewers to speak and write disparagingly of the labors of those Companions who were prominent in the Order at the commencement of the present century, and who are known as the fathers of the American system of Capitular Masonry.—They are accused of manufacturing the degrees, or of stealing and revamping certain degrees, and forming them into the system that we now work. If this charge be true—and probably none will dispute it at the present day,

—are they alone, of all the degree makers of the last century, worthy of censure? Was it more culpable to manufacture Masonry in 1797 or '98 than during the years from 1740 to 1760? Or, was it more blameworthy to remodel modern degrees in 1798, than to manipulate really ancient degrees in 1718?

"I believe it to be a great misfortune to Masonry, that there are so many degrees in existence; but it is evident to me that the system that this Grand Chapter is to preserve and perpetuate, is as legitimate as any other, excepting, of course, Ancient Craft Masonry. It should be judged by its merits; and while I would not stifle inquiry, nor fear to bring to the light everything that lies about or has been wrought into the foundation or superstructure of our Temple of Royal Arch Masonry, I believe too much prominence has been given by many to the question of *Antiquity*. One might judge from the talk of some good brethren, that it were more useful and honorable to be a dried and shrunk mummy encased in the casements in which it was wrapped 3,000 years ago, and set up against the wall in some museum for the public to gaze at in wonder and awe, than to be a living soul, alive to all the great interests that concern humanity, and susceptible, itself, of endless improvement and conscious of its responsibilities, and ever ready to

"Act! act, in the living present,

"A heart within and God o'er head."

"So much said and written in disparagement of Capitular Masonry cannot fail to disaffect the hearts of Companions, producing distrust and lukewarmness."

A question having arisen as to the right of the Grand Chapter to levy a tax on the subordinates, the following resolutions were passed:—

"*Resolved*, That the action of this Grand Chapter, at its last session, levying a tax upon subordinate Chapters, not exceeding one dollar *per capita* upon the members thereof, to provide funds for the re-publication of the Grand Chapter Proceedings, was unauthorized by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter.

"*Resolved*, That all Chapters that have advanced moneys to this Grand Chapter, for the purpose of assisting in paying for the reprint of Grand Chapter Proceedings, shall be allowed interest on the same, at the rate of twelve per cent. per annum, from the time said sums were paid, until such sums are returned."

And to increase the income of the Grand Chapter, the following report was adopted, which, we think, would be more likely

to diminish the funds, as they paid no mileage or per diem before :—

“ Your Committee on Accounts and Finance, to whom was referred the subject of amending the By-Laws, in order to increase the revenue of this Grand Chapter, would respectfully submit the following resolutions for adoption :

“ *Resolved*, That section thirteen (13) of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter be amended by adding thereto, as follows: For every member, except those exalted, during the year, fifty cents.

“ *Resolved*, That mileage of ten cents per mile, one way, and per diem at three dollars per day, shall be paid to each elective officer of this Grand Chapter, and one representative from each subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction ; *provided*, no representative or officer shall receive mileage and per diem in a double capacity, or draw more than is paid in by his Chapter, either as a member of this Grand Chapter or as a member of the Grand Lodge of this State, if that Body should be in session the same week and at the same place as this Grand Body.

“ *Resolved*, That a standing Committee of three, upon mileage and per diem, shall be added to the list of Committees of this Grand Chapter.”

The time of meeting was changed from January, so as not to be at the same time as the Grand Lodge.

“ *Resolved*, That the future sessions of this Grand Chapter be held on June 24th of each year, except when that occurs on Saturday or Sunday, in which event, on the Tuesday following, and the next meeting shall be held in June, 1873.”

Comp. A. T. C. Pierson is behind-hand with his correspondence report.

M. E. Comp. J. H. McKenney was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. S. Combs, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The twenty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, October 10th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Joseph M. Fox, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary.

According to the following from the address of the G. H. P., our Missouri Companions are to be felicitated on their attainments :—

"When men are well informed and act intelligently on their information, the necessity for specific direction becomes reduced to a minimum. The absence, therefore, of official decisions in the records of the past two years, is a fact upon which I must congratulate the real friends of Capitular Masonry. It is the best evidence that can be adduced to show the zeal, industry and knowledge of the Brethren, and to display the admirably harmonious working of the multifarious interests that attach themselves to our Order. And this is the more gratifying, as indicative of a high degree of information in the knowledge of Lodge work, Lodge Laws and Symbolic Masonry generally. For so beautifully accurate and progressive are the blendings of the Lodge with the Chapter, that when the Master Mason thoroughly understands and appreciates his Lodge, he cannot fail to become an efficient and intelligent worker in his Chapter. The industry and erudition of my predecessors in office, have also contributed no slight share to the result of which I speak. Nearly every emergency likely to arise in the operations of the Order, has already been so clearly adjudicated by earnest, learned and discreet men, occupying positions either as makers or exponents of the law, that the cases in which the decision and authority of our executive officer can properly be invoked, must decrease, as they have been decreasing, with the efflux of time and the increase of light."

We endorse the decision, "That a Chapter may receive the petition of a Royal Arch Mason for membership, although he is not at the time affiliated with a Blue Lodge;" but not the following, as in our jurisdiction, on all Masonic trials, the verdict is given by open vote; and with the consent of the Chapter, charges may be withdrawn.

"*Resolved*, 'That this Grand Chapter concurs in the decision of the Deputy Grand High Priest that charges cannot be withdrawn after having been preferred, but must be proceeded with to trial, except in charges for non-payment of dues; and in all trials, paper ballots must be used.'"

We have read Comp. Gouley's excellent review with a very great deal of pleasure, and make a few extracts therefrom.

Under "Nova Scotia" he says:

"The annual address is a clear business document and sets forth the history of the Grand Chapter, since its organization, two years ago. It has received the recognition of every Grand Chapter, except Scotland and Tennessee. The latter body is waiting for the former. Nova Scotia being 'unoccupied' territory, we do not see that Scotland has much to say about it. The Grand High Priest complains, that questions asked a year ago are not answered by Scotland—we can say from experience, that if they get a

reply in the next ten years they will do well. The Grand Secretary of Scotland somehow imagines that the balance of the Masonic world has no rights which he is bound to respect, and that when he does write a letter, he is disappointed if the earth does not change place on its axis. Year by year this sort of supercilious indifference approaches the 'unbearable,' and we think it will not be long before Scotch Masons will be left out in the cold, to correspond with the man in the moon. A certain amount of austere dignity is all very well in its place, but when carried too far, it becomes ridiculous. Nova Scotia has been recognized by England, who had just as much to say as Scotland."

The New York Jurisprudence Committee having reported unfavorably on the proposition to confer the M. E. M. degree upon Companions in London, England, by their Grand Lecturer there on a visit, Comp Gouley remarks:—

"There is nothing like 'speaking out in school;' it brings out the truth. We agree with the Committee, for if the General Grand Chapter of the United States has exclusive jurisdiction over all 'unoccupied' territory, then we want her to enjoy it, and if she don't, then Missouri wants some of the 'chicken pie,' for she thinks she can do up that Most Excellent Master's degree in a manner that would make an Englishman's hair curl. Missouri is not much on 'high pleni-potentiary powers,' nor 'in the high powers in me invested,' but if these things are to be thrown about loose, then we want it understood that she will take a hand just for the sake of a fair game."

In North Carolina, the Grand Lodge resolved to expel all unaffiliated Masons on twelve months' notice; and the Grand Chapter appealed to the Grand Lodge to rescind such resolution, holding that Masonry is free, and that coercive measures should not be adopted. On this Comp. Gouley comments as follows:—

"The question of non-affiliation has always been a vexed one, and many ways have been tried to remedy the evil, but of all the experiments tried, we must confess that the Grand Lodge of North Carolina has eclipsed the whole lot. The word 'shall' in the Grand Lodge resolutions is the straw that breaks the camel's back, and if it does not recoil on the Grand Lodge then we are much mistaken. We think that the Grand Chapter has expressed the true view of the whole business."

He notices Canada for 1871, and objects to part of our report of that year on Indiana:—

"Relative to 'objections' we would ask, how about a Companion that had no chance to ballot? Also, about a member who found out certain things about a candidate after election, which he does not deem charitable to disclose? We can see no point in a High Priest's having of necessity to have been a King or Scribe, unless these latter officers have more to learn in Canada than they do here."

To which we reply that it was only the *unsupported* objection that we said should not have any effect. The objector should make known his reasons to the H. P., or tell him why he cannot disclose his reasons, and if satisfactory, we are sure that none of our presiding officers would go on with the degrees.

As to the other question, our Second and Third Principals have a great deal to learn and to do, and our First Principal more still; and we find that our regulation requiring previous service in our presiding officer, works well, and provides us with a staff of thoroughly trained officers, competent to take any part of the work at any time. You do not elect a Worshipful Master from the floor of the Lodge, why then a High Priest, who is a Master over Masters?

M. E. Comp. James E. Carter was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Geo. Frank Gouley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The fifty-third Annual Convocation was held at Concord, May 16th, 1871. M. E. Comp. John A. Harris, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Joseph W. Hildreth, Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

In an excellent address, the G. H. P. reports the utmost harmony. Dissensions have been unknown in the Chapters during the 64 years since their first organization in that State. Two of the four Chapters which formed this Grand Chapter in 1819, still flourish; the other two ceased for a time to hold meetings, but were re-organized and are now in a good condition.

Reports are also presented by the Deputy G. H. P. and the Grand Scribe, showing visitations.

No Dispensation to shorten the time for degrees is hereafter to be granted.

Comp Joseph W. Fellows is the author of a capital correspondence report, in which our proceedings of 1870 are formally noticed and extracted from.

M. E. Comp. John A. Harris, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

1872.

The fifty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Concord, May 14th, 1872. M. E. Comp. John A. Harris, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Abel Hutchins, Grand Secretary.

We extract the opening part of the address:—

“COMPANIONS,—I congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances under which our venerable Grand Chapter has again convened—upon the good attendance, particularly of aged men, Masons of long standing, on this occasion. The presence of those who, for many years, have come hither from their respective homes, some of them from distant portions of the State, attests their continued regard for the institution, while their teachings and counsels guide us and keep us in the path they have so long followed.

“It is a gratification to know from living witnesses that during the existence of this Grand Chapter no innovations have been made; that Royal Arch Masonry, even in all its elaborate details, its impressive ceremonies, its sublime teachings, has been so sacredly guarded.

“Let us never forget the band of men who, for a long period, regardless of the storm of anti-masonry, whether induced by fanaticism, political design, or ignorance, have sustained and upheld this Grand Body.

“We may well rejoice that we find one place where the discords of earth cannot enter, where all differences upon the various questions which necessarily exist among mankind are laid aside, where men of successive generations and of all countries can unite.

“Firmly planted on a high, yet broad basis, unmindful of everything else, meddling with nothing outside of its own legitimate sphere, not stooping even to reply to abuse heaped upon it, Masonry has continued to flourish, and is to-day stronger than ever before.”

In one Chapter visited by the Grand Scribe,

“Past High Priest John Prentiss, now ninety-seven years old, was present,

and made some very interesting remarks relative to the doings of the Order prior to the *eclipse*, as he styled it. Comp. Prentiss retains all of his faculties in a most remarkable degree. Proud may any Chapter be to hear at its roll-call a response from such a Companion, and at such an age."

Comp. John J. Bell submits a very good report on correspondence. On non-affiliation he says:

"Of course, the bugbear of non-affiliation, which in all branches of Masonry has been so frightful to our Brethren of some jurisdictions, is the reason for the last opinion. We could enlarge on this topic, but whether profitably or not may be doubtful. From our experience, we are clear that the ancient law of the Craft, which makes it a purely voluntary society to which no one is required to contribute any further or longer than he wishes, is the safest and best. Every mason should be a member of some Lodge in the same sense that every citizen should vote; and, as we would not deprive the citizen of his right of suffrage because he neglects to use it, so we would not attempt to deprive a Mason of his rights as a member of the Craft because he did not choose to avail himself of all the advantages it offers him. Furthermore, could the rule so urgently pressed be made universal, the nature of Masonry would meet with quite a change, which would, in assimilating it to the modern and ephemeral societies of our time, deprive it of much of its natural strength."

And the following on our report of 1871:—

"The report on correspondence reviews the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Chapters. In a former report, explaining to some inquiry from this side the line about the mysterious letters Z. H. and J. attached to the names of officers in Canada, Comp. Robertson had referred the inquirers to early records to show their use here, and intimated that we had strayed from the way. Examination, however, did not support his view—evidently to his surprise—and he does not want to believe it. We believe the use of the terms H. P. K. and S. here, and Z. H. and J. in England, are of about equal antiquity, the older usage being to call them Master or R. A. Master and Wardens. He, with a few others, is opposed to annual dues. There are difficulties now in maintaining Lodges or Chapters without them, which will probably prevent their abandonment."

M. E. Comp. Edward Gustine was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Com. Abel Hutchins, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The sixteenth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 11th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Wm. H. Jeffreys, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Wolverton, Grand Secretary.

The first part of the address of the G. H. P. is taken up with the doings of the "agricultural delegation" at the General Grand Chapter. We quote one paragraph:—

"Of the many pleasant and amusing incidents connected with our trip to Baltimore, you probably have already heard from other sources. How, on one occasion, your Grand High Priest had the honor of being the officiating clergyman at the marriage with New Jersey with Maryland, '*my Maryland*,' and how, on another occasion, he was mistaken for a Prelate of the Roman Catholic Church, and was actually besieged at 'low twelve' by an army of female converts to the doctrine of immaculate conception; and sundry other things which occurred at Baltimore, I will leave to be recounted in the banquet halls by my associate Grand Officers, and to be extracted from a certain copy of the '*Masonic Token*,' a paper published away down in Maine, but sometimes circulated in this jurisdiction."

He issued three Dispensations for new Chapters. He thinks that dedications of Halls form no part of the duties of a H. P. or G. H. P.

"I have serious doubts if the tabernacle erected by our ancient Brethren at Jerusalem, near the ruins of the temple, was ever formally dedicated. If, however, this Grand Body would establish, in some proper locality, 'a secret vault,' in which the photographs of its Grand Officers and other sacred treasures could be safely deposited for the benefit of future generations, I would cheerfully aid in dedicating or consecrating said '*secret vault*.'"

The Chapters appear to be well attended to, as the reports of the Grand Officers show a number of official visits.

The Committee on History made a report and were continued.

The table of officers of Grand Chapters is wrong as to our Grand Secretary, whose correct designation is Thomas Bird Harris, Hamilton, Ont. *N. J. will please N.B.* We have frequently explained that our Grand Registrar is not our Grand Secretary, *but our Grand Scribe E. is.* We think a good deal of him, so would like to see his name in the right place.

Comp. T. J. Corson has another of his royal, select and super-excellent reports on correspondence. Canada for 1871 receives a first-class notice of four pages. Extracts are given with praise from the address of the Grand Z., and numerous quota-

tions, with approval, from our report. Commendation from such a source is undoubtedly pleasant to the recipient, and we need not apologize for inserting this:—

“Companion Henry Robertson, the ready writer and clear thinker, presented a first-class report on correspondence, in which thirty-one Grand Chapters, ours included, are fairly examined and freely commented upon.”

M. E. Comp. P. H. R. Redway was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Woolverton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The seventy-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 4th, 1873. M. E. Comp. Rees G. Williams, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. issued three Dispensations for new Chapters. He had visited a number of subordinates and found marked progress :

“The Companions with whom I have met in these official visits, invariably appear to be imbued with a spirit of enthusiasm, pride in the Royal Craft, and brotherly harmony, that augurs well for the future of Royal Arch Masonry in this State. In the exercise of our ritual, the several officers, whose work came under my observation, exhibited a knowledge of its details, an appreciation of its peculiar beauties, a readiness and correctness in exemplification, in the highest degree creditable to the care and instruction of the Grand Lecturer, whose accomplishments as a teacher in our ritual are not without their influence for good in our Chapters throughout the jurisdiction. I desire to extend to Companions my hearty thanks for kind attentions.”

The proceedings from the organization in 1798 to 1867 inclusive have been stereotyped, and 500 copies printed at a cost of \$4,500.

The portrait of the second G. H. P., Ezra Ames, was presented to the Grand Chapter by his son Bro. Angelo Ames, and was received with thanks. It was ordered to be framed and placed by the side of the portrait of the first G. H. P., Dewitt Clinton.

A special Committee on the recognition of West Virginia, reported as follows, requiring that new Grand Chapter to come

under the General Grand Chapter before receiving recognition from the Grand Chapter of New York :—

“ That having carefully considered the principle involved in the resolution, and with an earnest desire to establish the most friendly and courteous relations with our esteemed Companions of West Virginia, and at the same time respect our solemn obligations to the General Grand Chapter, the Committee have unanimously come to the conclusion to recommend the following as a substitute for the resolution under consideration :

“ *Resolved*, That we have witnessed with pleasure the increasing prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in West Virginia, as evinced in the recent organization of a ‘ Grand Chapter ’ therein ; and, when this new body shall place itself under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and has been recognized by it, we will with great pleasure extend to it the right hand of fellowship, and welcome it among the Grand Chapters of the Union.”

Comp. Dederick offered the following as a substitute for the resolutions reported by the Committee :—

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter will not, by any action on its part, adjudicate upon any question, or forestall the action of the General Grand Chapter in the matter of jurisdiction, which is peculiarly the prerogative of the General Grand Chapter ; and, while we extend the hand of fraternal friendship to the members individually and the Chapters collectively of West Virginia, we decline, by our action as a subordinate body, to place ourselves in an antagonistic position to what may be the decision of the General Grand Chapter, in reference to the rights or privileges of either the General Grand Chapter or the body which has been organized as the Grand Chapter of the State of West Virginia.”

Comp. William T. Woodruff offered the following as an amendment to the proposed substitute, and it was adopted :—

“ *Therefore, Resolved*, That the consideration of this subject be postponed until after the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1874.”

On motion of Comp. Ogden,

“ *Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, impressed with the faithful and able manner in which M. E. Rees G. Williams has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest during the past two years, hereby tenders to him its grateful thanks, and its heartfelt wishes for his future and continued welfare and prosperity.

“ *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed on behalf of the Grand Chapter to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. E. Comp. Williams.”

We make one extract from the report of the standing Committee on jurisprudence, which was adopted :—

"2. The inquiry is put to us, 'Has a Chapter the right to assess a tax upon its members for necessary Masonic purposes?' Our answer is, undoubtedly; and upon the same principle that a Chapter may impose the payment of ordinary dues to meet its liabilities, or to conduct its business. If it may impose ordinary dues, it may certainly require the payment of extraordinary dues when the exigency of the case requires it; of which it may be the sole judge. It may enforce the payment of such tax upon all such Companions as were members of the Chapter at the time it is assessed, in the same manner as the payment of other dues."

An elaborate and useful "Code of Procedure" was adopted by Grand Chapter, and is printed with the proceedings. It was prepared by Comp. John L. Lewis, P.G.H.P., who is a first-class authority. He divides it into three parts—"Trials, Appeals and Restorations," and gives full particulars in each case, so that there need be in future no difficulty as to the proper method of procedure.

The report on correspondence is by Comp. D. A. Ogden, who proves himself a worthy successor to Comp. White. His review covers over 50 pages, and is exceedingly interesting and instructive. He is evidently thoroughly well posted, and we should judge an old hand at "quill driving." We give his opening remarks :—

"The Committee, on entering upon the duty assigned to them, feel it incumbent, as well as a pleasant duty, to pay a tribute of respect to the venerable Chairman of the Committee who immediately preceded the present one, and who, for sixteen years, has so ably and faithfully performed the labor incident to the position. He held the pen of a ready writer, and with a sound head, an honest Masonic heart, a well-poised and instructed mind, his reports were always instructive and entertaining. We regret his inability to continue his labor, for we can only hope to imitate, but not to excel or equal his efforts or labors.

"With this expression of good will to our predecessor, we enter upon the discharge of the duties incident to the place, and which belong to it—asking charitable judgment for our errors, and respect for our good intentions and honest endeavors to execute the trust delegated to us. We do not assume the character of simple critics upon the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters whose proceedings have been received and examined; ours

is rather the office of inquiry and search for information, wisdom and truth, which may serve to inform and enlighten us on matters of general and mutual interest, and in which Royal Arch Masons are everywhere interested; and, in addition, to cultivate a closer union and a broader fraternal feeling, reaching out to the ends and embracing the entire land. Our Masonic, like our political organization, is co-equal with the union of the States, and should be and is one of the elements of the nation's power and strength, one of the ties that bind together this great people."

Canada for 1872 receives a good notice. After some extracts from our last report, Comp. Ogden says:—

"The work in America, all Royal Arch Masons will readily understand, is, or has been, near akin to Scotland, and the work of Canada is similar to our own. It was through the labors and recommendations of this Committee that Scotland, for the sake of harmonizing the work of England, Ireland and Scotland, expunged the Past Master's degree,—the Grand Lodge having agreed to adopt a degree to be conferred on Masters of Craft Lodges. Thus, it will be seen, that the Past Master's degree is no longer worked in any Chapter in the Kingdom of Great Britain, although in Canada and Nova Scotia they are still retained under the jurisdiction of the Chapters. But Scotland, by this action, does not secure uniformity; for England still has no intermediate degrees between Master and Royal Arch under the jurisdiction of her Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter. The Committee of conference recommend that another effort be made to induce the Grand Chapter of England to recognize and take charge of the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, at least so we understand the recommendation; but we have no great faith it will be so, although we think it would be wise, and result in good, if such action should take place.

"Who can say, that if England's Grand Chapter should assume control of and work the Mark and Most Excellent degrees, that elsewhere throughout the earth, where the English language is spoken, there might not be secured entire uniformity in the work of both Lodge and Chapter? Everywhere, now, the Past Master's degree is in some form, in Lodge or in Chapter, recognized and given; and so in truth of the order of High Priesthood, in some form, as a ceremonial preparatory to assuming the chair, or, as an established order, as with us and many other Grand Chapters. So that everywhere, save in England alone, all the degrees are worked in some form. In old England, as in Pennsylvania, the Mark degree is in charge of an independent Mark Lodge, or the Grand Lodge. Time may, perhaps, yet bring the minds of the wise, thoughtful and honest Masons to believe that everywhere where our tongue prevails as the common language of the people, there may and should be uniformity of work, of orders and of Grand and subordinate Bodies, so that Masons in Lodges or in Chapters

could visit and be recognized wherever their advancement gave them a right to visit and be recognized. Of one thing we are quite sure, that much confusion, wrangling, and useless discussion and disputation would be avoided, if all English speaking people could thus come to some common standard, some approach to uniformity, some arrangement by which that which in truth is the same shall be arranged and ordered with uniformity and mutual understanding. In some form, and by some Grand or subordinate Lodges or Chapters, all the degrees and ceremonials are worked and recognized; and if there was a will there could easily be found a way to bring them all into harmonious action and regular, systematic working. Whether this will ever be accomplished, we know not; but that it were well to do it, we do not doubt. We drop the subject, however, having elaborated it, perhaps, too fully, but to our mind the extracts give us an official insight into the workings of Masonry in England, Scotland and Ireland, and are therefore reliable and interesting."

M. E. Comp. Thomas C. Cassidy was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The twenty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, June 3rd, 1872. M. E. Comp. John Nichols, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. T. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. delivered a good address.

The work was exemplified.

Full communion was had with the General Grand Chapter.

A resolution having been passed by the Grand Lodge, that the Masters of Lodges should notify all non-affiliates to join some Lodge within twelve months, under pain of expulsion.—The Grand Chapter unanimously adopted the following preamble and resolutions:—

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter does hold such action to be in conflict with the most vital, cherished, and long established principles of the Masonic institution; that Masonry is free—that all must come of 'their own free-will and accord,' who would connect themselves with it—that they may sever their connection therewith, when they have complied with all the requirements thereof, at their pleasure, and that no coercive measures should ever be adopted as an inducement for them to renew the same; that Masons bound to the Lodge by the terrors of the Inquisition, are not

only useless as members, but may, and doubtless would destroy the harmony and good fellowship thereof, and jeopardize its very existence. And whereas, there are thousands of zealous, true, valuable, and highly esteemed members of our Chapters, who are, for good and valid reasons, perhaps, not members of any Lodge, or living within reach of one, who would, by this edict of our Grand Lodge, if enforced against them, be necessarily expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masons; Therefore be it

"Resolved, That while this Grand Chapter esteems it a duty of all Masons to be members of the Lodge, it admits that there may be many good and legitimate reasons, governing individual Masons, justifying their action in remaining unaffiliated; and that a crusade against non-affiliants, will most assuredly recoil upon the institution; that the demon of anti-masonry will be aroused, and, with thousands of recruits from our own camp, will strike a blow that may be more disastrous to our order than anything that has yet befallen it.

"Resolved, further, That this Grand Royal Arch Chapter does most respectfully, but earnestly appeal to the M. W. Grand Lodge to rescind the said resolution at her next ensuing Grand Annual Communication.

"Resolved, further, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge, with the request that it be laid before that body at the aforesaid Grand Communication"

The absence of a report on correspondence is accounted for by the illness of the Chairman, Comp. Alfred Martin, who has our sympathy, and whose excuse is amply sufficient.

Grand Officers were re-elected.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A special Convocation was held at Truro, June 21st, 1871, to constitute Keith Chapter, No. 4.

The third Annual Convocation was held at Halifax, June 4th, 1872. M. E. Comp. S. R. Sircom, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. James Gossip, Grand Secretary.

An address, full of work, was delivered by the G. H. P. He mentions the death of "our late trusty and well beloved Companion," J. Conway Brown, to whose endeavors the organization of the Grand Chapter and its present prosperity are largely indebted.

He issued one Dispensation for a new Chapter, and appointed a number of Representatives to sister Grand Chapters, among them M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, near Canada.

A number of amendments to the constitution were proposed.

Recognition of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales was "deferred until their claim to jurisdiction over the Mark degree in the colonies be more clearly defined." Very cute for a "young 'un," isn't it?

The Grand Chapter of Scotland has not yet recognized Nova Scotia, and holds jurisdiction over two Chapters who have not joined the new Grand Chapter. It was resolved, that "having exhausted every legitimate means of effecting an amicable arrangement with these Chapters, nothing remains to be done but to demand from Scotland the immediate withdrawal of the charters," which demand Scotland is not very likely to comply with. What then?

The use of substitutes was left to the discretion of the council of each subordinate Chapter.

Canada for 1871 is fraternally noticed by the Grand Secretary in his report on correspondence.

Grand Officers were re-elected.

OREGON.

The twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Salem, June 24th, 1872. M. E. Comp. James R. Bayley, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. P. Earhart, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. had visited all the six Chapters in the State, except one, and found them in a properous condition.

Business local. One charter granted.

Though small in numbers, this Grand Chapter has first-class talent. The report on correspondence would do credit to any one, and needs no apology from the author, Comp. T. McF. Patton. We quote part of his remarks on our report for 1871 :

"Companion Henry Robertson, on behalf of the Committee on Correspondence, submitted and *commenced reading* a very concise and well digested report, in which he reviews the acts and doings of thirty-one Grand Chapters—our proceedings for 1870 being included. We are glad to notice that our Companions in Canada were magnanimous enough to allow Comp. R. to *commence* reading, but whether they allowed him to continue, we are unable to learn, and we are further pleased to see that this report is published with the proceedings, and not in the appendix among statistical tables, tombstones and lists of suspended and expelled members.

"Companion Robertson approves of the action of Georgia, of 'dropping from the roll' members who are in arrears for dues, and says 'he would like to see the practice of suspending for non-payment of dues abrogated in this jurisdiction.' This 'drop' game is too light. When a Companion *can* pay his dues, and *won't*, we go in for coercing him by presenting formal charges, and requiring him to answer thereto, or abide the consequences. If, on the other hand, a Companion is willing to pay and cannot, we would favor remitting them at once, upon a proper showing of the facts."

And the following on Nebraska:—

"In the examination of these proceedings, our thoughts naturally revert to the scenes of other days. Twenty-one years ago this day (May 5th), the writer of the report crossed the Missouri river and camped where the city of Omaha now stands—a pilgrim seeking a home in the 'land of promise.' The bright anticipations of our boyhood were then, as we thought, about to be realized, but, alas! those bright fancies of gay festivities and unalloyed pleasure to be derived from bivouacking in the open air, upon the boundless prairies, were soon dispelled; and as we travelled up the valley of the beautiful Platte, and enjoyed the *gentle showers* of that delectable region, and occasionally sought refuge under wagons to preserve our unprotected pate from the calcareous formations which fell from the celestial regions, we felt as did the Prodigal of old; and while we longed for our father's house, we realized the truth of our motto, 'root hog or die.'"

Grand Officers re-elected.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Quarterly Communication, May 2nd, 1872, the G.H.P. reported that he had ordered a Chapter to surrender their Act of Incorporation, which they had obtained from a County Court, thereupon, after some debate, it was, on motion, resolved—

"That the incorporation of all Chapters and bodies subordinate to this Grand Chapter be and the same is hereby forbidden, and notice of this resolution shall be sent to each Chapter and Mark Lodge."

November 7th, 1872. The Grand Chapter of West Virginia was recognized.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports a prosperous year, with concord and unity prevailing. He made a large number of official visitations, and says thereof:—

“I have discountenanced the expenditure of any portion of the funds of the subordinate Chapters for the entertainment of myself and the other Grand officers, preferring a warm and hearty welcome in the close-tiled Chapter to that of the impossible to-be-tiled public banquet-hall.

“The reception given by the Companions throughout the jurisdiction to the Grand officers was of the warmest character and all that could be expected.

“It is a matter of congratulation to find the great progress made in the acquirement of the work of the Grand Chapter during the past six or eight years.

“It was a great privilege for me to accompany the Grand High Priest, at that time Most Excellent Companion Samuel C. Perkins, during the first series of Grand Visitations throughout this jurisdiction. Then there were as many different kinds of work as there were Chapters visited, the Grand officers, in many cases, being looked upon as intruders, but now the work is uniform, (at least as much so as can be possible,) and the Grand officers are in all places received and welcomed as Companion Royal Arch Masons.”

And on the subject of the three Mark Lodges in Philadelphia, he says:—

“Early in the year, resolutions were presented in one of the Mark Lodges which were, to say the least, unmasonic in their tenor. They were intended to close up the Mark Lodges, and many suggestions were offered as to the best way to dispose of the permanent funds.

“One proposition was to form a new Chapter out of the Mark Lodge and donate a certain amount for the expenses of the same.

“Another, was to donate the funds to the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

“Others, that the sum of fifteen dollars be returned to every member, this to be in consideration of the five or ten dollars paid for the Marking

fee; while, I am sorry to say, by far the larger number wanted the money squandered in a large supper.

"After the money and investments were all disposed of, it was proposed to surrender their warrant to the Grand Chapter.

"It having officially been brought to my attention, I decided that as long as six members desired to continue the Mark Lodge, that a majority could not surrender the warrant and deprive them of their membership.—That the permanent fund having been created for the special purpose of distributing the charity of the Lodge to worthy Mark Master Masons, their widows and orphans, and also for the special purpose of perpetuating the Mark Lodge, the fund could not be diverted from the purposes of its creation, nor divided *pro rata* among the members.

"This subject of Mark Lodges will ere long require the earnest consideration of the Grand Chapter. They are doing little or no work; the working expenses and demands for charity are constantly increasing, and although they have money enough invested, the interest of which will pay their ordinary expenses, yet it is discouraging to the few members who do attend the meetings, to find so little work to do.

"During the year just closing, the three Mark Lodges have conferred the degree of Mark Master Mason on seven candidates, where a few years ago they numbered from three hundred to four hundred.

"If those who are so active in working for the advancement of the Chapters, would recommend a few candidates to the Mark Lodges, they would soon again wear the old-time look.

"The perpetuation of the Mark Lodge rests entirely with its members."

He attended the exemplification of the work by the Grand Lecturer of New York, and remarks:—

"New York has placed the entire supervision of the work under the control of a Grand Lecturer, who is responsible alone to the Grand Chapter. As regards the work, his authority is superior to the Grand High Priest.

"The work as exemplified was in some portions entirely different from what is known as the work of this jurisdiction. After seeing this exemplification, I am satisfied that the work of Pennsylvania, and the care that is thrown around it to make it uniform and maintain its purity, is the best."

Comp. Meyer should come and see *our* work. We think ours is the best. It is more like that used in Pennsylvania than that of New York, both the former being founded upon English work; while New York, with a majority of the States, although

preserving the essentials intact, have considerably diversified the method of the ceremonies and the details.

The Pennsylvania practice as to the "chair degree" of the presiding officer, is also exactly similar to ours. The G. H. P. on this says:—

"I would here say, that in accordance with the custom of this jurisdiction, it is just as necessary that the High Priest at the time of his being installed into office should receive the Order of High Priesthood, as that the Master of the Lodge should pass the chair.

"I have decided that there is no authority in Pennsylvania to open a council of High Priests. We know of nothing of the kind. The High Priest is installed in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in the presence of High Priests only who have received the Order of High Priesthood, and then the order is conferred on him as part of the qualifications of his office, without ballot or fee."

He concludes his very able and instructive address as follows:—

"As we look forward to the future, we anticipate with peculiar pleasure the occupancy of a new Temple, in which the architect and builders have combined all that wisdom, strength and beauty could suggest. How many of us may live to tread its halls, we know not. Before its dedication many may have the veil of the blindness of this world lifted from their eyes and they behold the Master Builder in His eternal Temple.

"In leaving this old Temple and taking up our abode in the new, may we leave behind us all the bitter animosities, hatred and bickerings of life, and enter upon the discharge of our duties before God and man with a firm determination to live up to our instructions as Royal Arch Masons.

"May you and I feel the satisfaction of a peaceful heart and conscience this day twelve months, with nothing to regret during that time."

We copy from the appendix an interesting letter from Companion William J. Hugan on the Past Master's Degree:—

"TRURO, ENGLAND, October 1, 1872.

"MY DEAR FRIEND AND M. E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST:

"I am anxious to write you *re*, the Past Master's degree, according to promise made by me last year, and desirous of doing so before your next annual meeting.

"As a fact, however, I have found it a most difficult subject to write about, as so little is discoverable of its early history.

"When the degree first took its rise I know not as yet, but am continuing my researches, and may yet be able to elucidate the point. I might write a great deal on the subject, but *cui bono*? A deal would be purely apocryphal, and so, is better left unsaid than written.

"It seems to have been the custom (in fact *was*) of the 'Grand Lodge, according to the old Constitutions' (called the '*Ancients*'), to confer the Past Master's degree in a Craft Lodge to candidates for Royal Arch Masonry. No separate Chapters or warrants were required to work the Royal Arch degree under the '*Ancients*,' and it seems to be most probable that the '*Installation Ceremony*' originated with that body; at least became prominent, and a separate *degree* under their management. If so, it is not older than, say about 120 years. The Grand Lodge of the '*Ancients*' was not actually formed, and no regular records kept, until after A.D. 1750. The minutes still exist, and commence A.D. 1752. The Grand Lodge of England is the custodian thereof.

"Whether the regular Grand Lodge, or in other words, the Grand Lodge which was formed A.D. 1717, had a knowledge of the DEGREE so early as 1750, I cannot yet say positively, although there does appear evidence that a ceremony of some sort was observed at the installation of a Worshipful Master of a Lodge. In the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, published A.D. 1738, there is an engraving of the '*47th Problem of Euclid*,' which is the jewel of the Past Master's degree.

"Under the '*Moderns*' (so called, or the Grand Lodge of 1717,) separate warrants were required to work the '*Royal Arch*,' as that degree was not actually recognized until the '*Union of 1813*.' (It *virtually* was, however, as the leading members of Grand Lodge, from the Grand Master downwards, were the officers of the Grand Chapter.) Their first Royal Arch Constitution was published A.D. 1778, and second edition, 1782, both of which I have. The use of substitutes, or any law requiring a *certain number* to be exalted, was unknown. Since the '*Union of A.D. 1813*, the Past Master's degree has been confined to the *elected* Master of a Lodge, and to such alone. Hence all Past Masters in England, have actually served the office of Master of a Lodge for a period of twelve months. The only prerequisite, masonically, for Royal Arch Masonry, being twelve months a member of the third degree. Until recently, in Scotland, the system of Capitalar Freemasonry prevailing in the United States was adopted; but at the Grand Lodge, held the 5th February last, it was decided to return to the old English system, and hence the Grand Chapter of Scotland has retired from the control of the Past Master's degree, and left it entirely in the hands of the Grand Lodge.

"The following are the terms of the agreement:

"1. That the Grand Lodge shall recognize a ceremonial or degree to be

conferred on Masters of Lodges, on their taking the chair of a Lodge, similar to that conferred in England and Ireland.

"2. That a Register shall be kept by the Grand Clerk of Installed Masters, and he shall record the name of every Installed Master therein, and furnish a diploma upon a certificate being sent, signed by three recorded Installed Masters, that the ceremonial or degree has been duly conferred. The fee for registration and diploma to be 2s. 6d.

"3. That this ceremonial or degree shall under no circumstances whatever be conferred on any one except the actual Master of a Lodge, or one who produces a certificate from the Lodge that he has occupied a chair as duly elected Master.

"4. That with the view of carrying out these resolutions, three or more Masters of Lodges, or Past Masters, to be selected by the Grand Lodge, shall procure themselves duly installed by three or more English or Irish Installed Masters, and shall thereupon adjust the Ritual to be used in future.

"5. That thereafter the said Installed Masters shall duly install three or more Past Masters in the cities of Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth, &c., and in any of the larger towns, the Brethren in which may desire it.

"6. That the ceremonial or degree shall only be conferred when three or more Installed Masters are present, and any Lodge having that number of Installed Masters present at a meeting may confer the ceremonial or degree upon its Master ; but in the event of any Lodge not having a sufficient number of Installed Masters, it shall be competent to the Masters of that Lodge to procure himself duly installed at any Lodge having three Installed Masters, provided he produces evidence to the satisfaction of these Installed Masters that he is a *bona fide* Master of a Lodge.

"In Ireland, the Past Master's degree is also confined (or supposed to be) to the Masters *elect* of Craft Lodges, and a ceremony of some sort is worked, as in England, and as it is to be now in Scotland. The ceremony itself is most interesting and rather lengthy. The charges to the officers are valuable if only followed as they should be, and altogether an installation according to the English ritual is most imposing.

"In Ireland there is much irregularity as to the installation ceremony, but the three countries now agree in having a distinct ceremony or degree, for the Worshipful Master elect of a Craft Lodge, and more correctly speaking, it should be termed the Installation Master's degree rather than the Past Master's.

"With every respect and good wishes to you, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and the Supreme Grand Chapter,

"Believe me, fraternally and faithfully yours,

WM. JAS. HUGHAN."

We also make the following extract from the Records of Washington Lodge, No. 70, Athens, Pennsylvania, July 10th, 1816:—

“ To G. A. BAKER, *Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge* :

“ In conformity with a resolution of Washington Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held under warrant of Lodge No. 70, we address you in discharge of our duty as a Committee appointed for that purpose ; which resolution was adopted in consequence of a communication from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge or Grand Royal Arch Chapter, in which communication we find a clause in the following words, to wit : ‘ That no Brother shall be admitted into the Royal Arch Chapter but he who has been regularly and faithfully passed through the three progressive degrees and has filled and performed the office of Worshipful Master in his Lodge to the satisfaction of his Brethren, or passed the chair by a dispensation of the Right Worshipful Grand Master upon the recommendation of his said Lodge, to ascertain which, they shall deliver to him in open Lodge a certificate to the following purport, &c.’ Before we enter into a disquisition upon this subject, it may not be improper to give you a brief history of our commencing to work on the Royal Arch degree, or to go a little further back, we may bring to your recollection a communication you some years since received from one of this Committee on the subject of the Mark Master’s degree. Wishing to work on that degree, we did not know what steps were necessary to obtain authority, and wrote to you on the subject ; you answered that we already had the authority to work on that degree, and, on an examination of the warrant of Lodge No. 70, we were of the same opinion, and accordingly went to work on that degree. At this time there were several Royal Arch Masons belonging to Lodge No. 70, and among the rest, the Worshipful Master of said Lodge ; but, having received their Masonic education under different regulations from what they found in Pennsylvania, they had no idea they could go beyond the third degree until the receipt of you letter and a further examination of the warrant aforesaid. It did not even then enter into their minds that they could work on the Royal Arch degree under the same authority. In a year or two after, however, more Royal Arch Masons settled in the vicinity of Lodge No. 70, and having made up the number nine, [that being the least number we could work with on that degree,] we concluded to open a Chapter at Tioga Point* as soon as we could obtain a warrant for so doing. An application was accordingly drawn up in proper form, addressed to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, signed by nine regular Royal Arch Masons, and sent forward by Companion David Paine. When he arrived in Philadelphia he was informed [as we understood] by yourself and other Royal Arch Masons that such a step was not necessary ; that our authority was already sufficient

* Now Athens, County Bradford.

under the warrant of Lodge No. 70 to work on that degree, provided we had a sufficient number who were qualified. From this information he procured the robes and implements for the first three officers of the Chapter, which were made in Philadelphia under the direction of Companion — and by him forwarded to Companion Paine. This mode of proceeding in that degree was so different from what we had been accustomed to, that we were not a little surprised at the account Companion Paine gave us; but on a more strict examination of our warrant and the Constitution of Masonry in Pennsylvania, as contained in the Ahiman Rezon, we became satisfied that we could congregate, &c., and work on the Royal Arch degree. In the Ahiman Rezon, page 50, we find the words: ‘The Master of a particular Lodge has the right and authority of calling his Lodge, or congregating the members into a Chapter at pleasure,’ &c. It would be a violation of good sense to say or suppose the Master had a right to congregate the Chapter, and not the power, at the same time, to work as such. But what put the matter beyond all dispute in our minds, was another clause found in the same book, page 104, Article IX, to wit: ‘The members of the Grand Lodge and all warranted Lodges, so far as they have abilities or numbers, have an undoubted right to exercise all degrees of the Ancient Craft, and consequently the Royal Arch.’ According to our Masonic education, the degrees of Ancient Masonry are as follows: Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason; and however honorary some of the degrees may be considered by some, we cannot give a succeeding degree to any one who has not received all the preceding degrees up to the one he applies for, or, in other words, we cannot give the Royal Arch Degree to any one who has not received all the six preceding degrees without violating a sacred obligation. You will readily perceive the predicament we are in. Our warrant and the Constitution are void to us beyond the Mark degree if the regulation first quoted is a proper guide to us. At our distance from the Grand Lodge to apply for a dispensation to pass the chair is out of the question, and we must give up our work and lose our apparatus for the Royal Arch degree, unless the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge grants us some relief. We hold the Grand Lodge and Masonry in the highest veneration, and to question the constitutionality of any of the rules and regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge for the government of the subordinate Lodges is extremely painful and highly embarrassing to us; but however much we feel, when duty compels us to speak, we ought to waive every other consideration, and, as Free and Accepted Masons, to speak freely and frankly our minds. On this rule we cannot do otherwise than express our conviction that the rule for a special dispensation to pass the chair is removing the Ancient Landmarks as laid down in the Ahiman Rezon, and setting up new ones which will be difficult for the subordinate Lodges to understand when compared with their warrants and Constitutional Book. In this opinion we may err in judgment, but, if so, the fault is of the head, not the heart! Feeling as we do, we can but request the

Grand Lodge to reconsider the regulation now in question, and repeal the same, or to grant us a general dispensation for passing the chair, otherwise we shall suffer in expenses nearly two hundred dollars in the preparation we have made to work on the Royal Arch degree. While on this subject, it may not be amiss to communicate our ideas respecting other matters relative to Masonry; and we would first request the attention of the Grand Lodge to their own rules and regulations in connection with the rules and regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, by which it would seem the subordinate Lodges [or such of them as work on the Royal Arch degree] have two Masters to serve, and the danger of that situation may be found in one of the Great Lights in Masonry! and, indeed, may be discovered from observation. There is something in this matter beyond comprehension that where knowledge is divided into sections or degrees, that one body of men professing a less number of these degrees, which all collectively make one great whole, should have under rule or subordination another body of men who profess the whole. In fact, it subverts the major to the minor, and seems an inversion of order. In Masonry, it seems very clear that no body of men can have jurisdiction beyond their knowledge of the subject, therefore, the Grand Lodge, to superintend the whole of Masonry, should profess all the degrees belonging thereto, otherwise they cannot judge correctly of the manner in which those who profess the whole, or higher degrees, should be regulated. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is under subordination to the Grand Lodge, we believe, is not to be questioned, when, in fact, not all the special members of the Grand Lodge are Royal Arch Masons, and much less the members of the Grand Lodge generally. Here there appears the difficulty so hard to be reconciled to the natural and beautiful order of Masonry. From this view of the subject, and many others we could suggest, but which will naturally arise in every reflecting mind, would it not be well for the Grand Lodge, in connection with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, to call a convention by summoning the members of the Grand Lodge generally, and the Chiefs of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Lodges? This measure seems not only a proper one to us, on account of what is stated above, but for many other reasons distinct from that particular subject. We are averse in general to pulling down old Constitutions and setting up *new ones*; but many things in our present Constitution, we humbly conceive, may be altered for the better, and to suppose that things of this nature cannot be amended for the better, is to suppose that human knowledge is not progressive, and that we have already arrived at the summit and extent of human understanding in Masonry. A call for this purpose, we firmly believe, would give general satisfaction in the end, and contribute much in promoting good order, harmony and unanimity among the Craft.

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH KINGSBURY,
STEPHEN HOPKINS,
EDWARD HERRICK."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. Wm. J. Kelly, and notices Canada for 1871.

The G. H. P. and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Charleston, February 1th, 1873. M. E. Comp. James A. Hoyt, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Augustine T. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

The Chapters are steadily improving their condition, and gradually regaining their former prosperity.

The yearly dues to Grand Chapter were increased from fifty cents to one dollar.

From the report of the Committee on the address of the G. H. P., which was adopted, we take the following on "work:"

"It is a source of painful regret that so great diversity of work exists, and a matter of surprise that innovations are tolerated, which not only do violence to the teachings of our ritual, but destroy the valuable and solemn impressions which our rites and ceremonies are designed to convey. Under a steadfast conviction that a correct understanding and due appreciation of the great *moral* principles embodied in our ritual can alone give vitality and stability to Masonry, symbolic as well as Royal Arch, your Committee heartily concur in the main objects proposed in the recommendation of the Address and the report of the Committee. As the result of a thoughtful consideration of the methods suggested for obtaining the objects contemplated, your Committee submit, for adoption by this Grand Chapter, the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the M. E. Grand High Priest at or immediately after this annual Grand Convocation, to appoint four expert Past High Priests, who, with him, shall meet and carefully consider and adopt a system of work to be observed within this jurisdiction, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest, and the four Companions appointed by him, shall constitute the custodians of the work.

"*Resolved*, That when such system of work is adopted, the M. E. Grand High Priest shall appoint a day, as early after this Grand Convocation as practicable, for said custodians to meet in Columbia, to exemplify the adopted work, and that the High Priests of the subordinate Chapters be, and are hereby required, to attend said meeting for instruction.

"*Resolved*, That the work adopted be recognized as the standard work within this jurisdiction, and be exemplified by the custodians at the next annual Grand Convocation."

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Canada for 1872 is fraternally noticed.

M. E. Comp. James Birnie was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Myer B. Moses was elected Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, November 6th, 1872. M. E. Comp. A. J. Wheeler, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. thinks biennial instead of annual sessions would be sufficient for business purposes, and a saving of from one to three thousand dollars each year. He issued two Dispensations for new Chapters. He decided that an M. M. with an artificial leg could be exalted, but we are glad to notice that this decision was not upheld by the Grand Chapter.

The *per diem* was reduced from \$5 to \$3.

Something to do was found for the Grand Representatives. They being thought rather useless, were utilized by being requested to report "a short synopsis of the history, work, laws, doings, and such other information as they may deem proper regarding the Grand Chapter from which they are accredited." We think this a very good idea, and Tennessee deserves great credit for originating it. By all means keep them well employed.

The report on correspondence is again by our friend Comp. George S. Blackie. Being so far down on the list, we have about exhausted our stock of objections; but it is good as usual, and his reputation as a reporter is too firmly established to need any words of praise from us. He reviews *all* the Grand Chapters in the world, save five, and including Canada for 1871.

M. E. Comp. John W. Paxton was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Frizzel, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation was held at Houston, June 10th, 1872. M. E. Comp. J. B. Jones, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. R. Brewster, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. reports harmony and prosperity. He issued seven Dispensations for new Chapters. We quote decisions as follows :—

“There can be no such thing as organizing a Council. Councils of Royal and Select Masters are appended to the Chapters, and bear the same relation to them that Lodges of Most Excellent and Mark Masters do, the degrees being conferred after, instead of before, the Royal Arch. The officers of the Chapter are officers of the Council, provided they are in possession of the Royal and Select degrees.

“In the absence of any express regulation on the subject, I decide that a Chapter has the right to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master on members of other Chapters ; *provided*, the Chapter of which the applicant is a member has not the required number of Royal and Select Masters to enable it to confer the degrees.”

The above shows the way they do it there. We approve the next :

“Has a Royal Arch Mason the right to visit his Chapter, while charges are pending against him in the Lodge ?

“A Mason under charges, merely, is not divested of any of his Masonic privileges thereby.”

We are glad to welcome another convert to our opinions, as to the effect of an objection after ballot, and the more so because of a contrary decision in Texas in 1871. The present G. H. P. decided that a H. P.

“Had a right to disregard the protest against conferring the degrees on one who had been elected to receive them, because the reasons for the protest, being given, were not such as affected the moral character of the applicant, or would have caused his rejection had they been known before the ballot was had on his application. I could not decide otherwise in view of the action of this Grand Chapter in adopting the report of a Committee to be found on page 41, and resolution on page 42, printed Proceedings of 1855, and the ruling of the Grand High Priest in 1865.”

Business all local. Our proceedings are acknowledged as received.

Memorial page to Wm. M. Taylor, P. G. H. P.

M. E. Comp. Norton Moses was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, re-elected Grand Secretary

VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 12th, 1872. M. E. Comp. Robert E. Withers, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The address of the G. H. P. is chiefly taken up with the case of Adoniram Chapter, in West Virginia, which did not desire to unite with the new Grand Chapter there, but preferred to remain as it was under Virginia. He say:—

“It will be perceived that consent of this Grand Chapter was given to the formation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, ‘on the same terms and conditions, and with the same limitations, as the consent of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was given to the formation of a Grand Lodge for the State of West Virginia.’ Amongst these limitations, was the *refusal* to recognize the claims of exclusive jurisdiction over Lodges in West Virginia, created and chartered by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, but this claim was expressly qualified by the phrase, ‘except in so far as rights may have vested under charters theretofore lawfully issued.’”

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“You will doubtless remember that at the time these resolutions were adopted, it was distinctly understood, and publicly stated, that the Chapters in West Virginia, working under dispensations issued by this Grand Chapter, desired to unite with and receive their Charters from the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and therefore this Grand Chapter deemed it unnecessary, in terms, to reserve the right of jurisdiction over Chapters holding Dispensations, as well as over those holding *Charters* from this Grand Body. Believing it to be the wish of those Chapters to come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, and desirous of gratifying this wish, and at the same time of conforming to the usage, now so commonly observed, of making the jurisdiction of Masonic Grand Bodies co-terminus with the political boundaries of the State within which they are located, this Grand Chapter cheerfully and cordially adopted the resolutions above quoted.

"But subsequent events proved that we had acted on mistaken premises, so far at least as Adoniram Chapter was concerned. Soon after the close of your last Grand Annual Convocation, I received a communication (herewith filed) from Adoniram Chapter, addressed to M. E. Comp. James Evans, and subsequently another to myself (also filed), protesting against the action taken, and urging the unanimous desire of the Companions to retain their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Virginia. Upon consultation with several of the wisest and most experienced Companions, and in accordance with my own convictions of equity and justice, I directed the Grand Secretary to issue a Charter to Adoniram Chapter, which was accordingly done.

"On the 9th of March ensuing, the E. Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of west Virginia, addressed me a letter of enquiry and protest, and asking a revocation of the Charter, as not in accordance with the action of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, as above quoted. To this communication I replied, defending the action taken, and claiming the *right* of the Grand Chapter of Virginia to retain jurisdiction over such Chapters as held Dispersations or Charters from this Grand Chapter, provided they desired it."

On this subject the special Committee to whom the address was referred made the following report, all of which was adopted, except that portion of the report embracing the last three resolutions referring to Adoniram Chapter, No. 34, which was laid over till the next Grand Annual Convocation:—

"The Committee to whom was referred the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, offer the following report:

"The principal subject requiring action by this Grand Chapter, therein contained, is the case of Adoniram Chapter, at Clarksburg, West Virginia.

"It will be recollected that when this Grand Chapter gave her consent to the establishment of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, she reserved to all those Chapters who were in her State limits, and were unwilling to unite with the new Grand Body, the right, as well as privilege, of remaining with us.

"At the last Convocation of this Chapter, we recommended the Grand Council of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, to grant a Charter to Adoniram Chapter, a Chapter having a Dispensation granted it by this Grand Chapter before the organization of that Grand Chapter, not knowing that there was any special desire with her to have the Charter to be granted by us. The resolution surrendered our right over her *only* in case she desired to join the Grand Chapter of her own State. But the members of Adoniram Chapter preferred to have a Charter from the Grand Chapter of Virginia, and in vacation made application to the M. E. Grand High Priest

for it, who, justly considering that this Grand Chapter had not surrendered her right over that Chapter, at once granted the request by issuing the Charter, and she is now Chapter No. 34, of this jurisdiction.

“ But while all things have been rightly done, and West Virginia has no cause for complaint at the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, for his act in chartering Adoniram Chapter, No. 34, West Virginia, yet, we consider that there is another view which should be noticed. Masonic justice is not met when legal demands or exactions have been paid. It requires of us to do and to give to others what, in similar circumstances, we would expect and desire, although we could not claim as a right; and justice thus often demands a sacrifice of what we, legally, call our own, but which the happiness of another makes theirs. Adoniram Chapter is in the heart of West Virginia. Those exalted by her are the members of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, and as such that Chapter should be under the Chapter of West Virginia. We think the true principles of Masonry demand that we should do what we can for the peace and happiness of the whole Body. It will require of us a sacrifice, and all sacrifices are painful, and yet they are generally followed by great blessings, and we think such will be the case in the present instance. Our duty requires us to do what we can to help forward our sister of West Virginia, and to make her ways pleasant. So long as Adoniram Chapter remains under our jurisdiction, it will be a festering sore, and may give rise to very unpleasant feelings and acts between the two Grand Bodies. We, therefore, fully believe, and now most clearly recommend, that this grand Chapter do now transfer Adoniram Chapter, No. 34, to the care and control of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia; and while it is unpleasant to turn from our household those who desire to remain members thereof, yet we well know that it is better that one suffer than that all should be injured, that we should transfer one member than to let that member be a cause of trouble an anxiety, in feeling at least, to another. We, therefore, offer the following resolutions:

“ 1. *Resolved*, That we fully approve and cordially endorse the act of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in chartering Adoniram Chapter during vacation.

“ 2. *Resolved*, That Adoniram Chapter being in the bounds of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, be and the same is hereby transferred to the care and control of that Grand Chapter; and that we now surrender all rights over her which have heretofore been vested in us.

“ 3. *Resolved*, That Adoniram Chapter be and is hereby fully assured of the deep interest we have in her welfare, and of our desire to gratify her wish to remain a member of our family, and that we this day sever the connection only because we believe it to be best for them, for us, and for the Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

“ 4. *Resolved*, That should Adoniram Chapter comply with our request

and direction to surrender the Charter which she has received of us, and take out a Charter from West Virginia, she is hereby permitted to retain in her possession that Charter, as a token of the sacrifice mutually made in the great cause of Masonic peace, and of our continued friendship and goodwill toward her."

We approve of the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

"Resolved, That if a Companion is a member of two or more Chapters, and is suspended in one for non-payment of dues, he is *ipso facto* suspended in them all.

"Resolved, That any Companion has the right to object to the advancement of a candidate at any time, but the objection shall be submitted to the Council, who shall determine as to its sufficiency."

The venerable and distinguished Grand Secretary, R.E. Comp. John Dove, is the author of the report on correspondence. In his conclusion he says:—

"And here presents the occasion, perhaps appropriately, for us to offer a few remarks on the manner in which the reports of Committees on Foreign Correspondence are conducted. We have been, in one shape or the other, directly connected with this duty since December, 1818, now 54 years, and the performance of which duty has afforded us the pleasing gratification of perusing and being instructed by the annual annals of the proceedings of some forty Grand Chapters, running through some thousands of pages, and take this opportunity to express our delight at the matter and manner of address of the presiding officer of each Grand Body. Turning from these, however, to the reports above referred to, we find a flippancy of style wholly incompatible with the dignity of the subjects submitted for their investigation, and the overshadowing influence of the invaluable and appreciable importance of the principles involved in our glorious Institution."

We felt very much inclined to take issue with him on this point, and to stand up in defence of our brother reporters; but on turning to Comp. Dove's notice of Canada for 1872, we find the following, which effectually disposes of all our valiant inclinations, and we shall have to let our *confreres* take care of themselves. "*Sauve qui peut.*" We have no doubt, however, but that they are quite competent to do so:—

"With great gratification we perused the report on correspondence by Comp. H. Robertson, and but for our limited space and time, would quote

very largely. Indeed it forms a pamphlet which contains more information on the Royal Arch degree than any work we have ever read, and would advise all Royal Arch Masons to obtain a copy and to study it.

"We deeply sympathize with them in the loss of the truly valuable services of M.E. Comp. T. D. Harington, who has so ably filled the office of Principal Z. for the last eleven years, and tender to him in his retirement a fervent wish for his restoration to health and continued enjoyment of the same."

The Grand Officers were re-elected.

WISCONSIN.

The Annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, January 14th, 1873. M. E. Comp. C. F. G. Collins, G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

The G. H. P. says in his address:—

"Whatever may be the powers of the G. H. P. in the matter of granting Dispensations, I have seen no good occasion for exercising them, and I do not think that the Craft have suffered in any case from the refusal of their request.

"I confess to a horror of Constitution tinkering, and believing that those who are governed least are governed best, I have no recommendations to make as to amending any of its provisions."

The sum of \$200 was voted to an indigent Companion.

The report on correspondence, by Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, is exceedingly interesting and well written. Canada is received, but too late for notice.

The Grand Officers were re-elected.

CONCLUSION.

In order to economise space as much as possible, we have omitted all statistics in the review of each Grand Chapter, preferring to give them in a tabulated form. We are indebted to Comp. William J. Kelly, of Pennsylvania, for the following valuable table of the statistics of Capitular Masonry in North America, which we take the liberty of copying entire:—

Statistics of R. A. Masonry in the United States and Canada, 1872.

FROM THE LATEST PROCEEDINGS.

	No. Subor'te Chapters.	Membership.	Exaltations.	Admitted or Restored.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Dimitted.	Deaths.	Rejections.
Alabama	51	1,919	108	68	74	1	8	33	8
Arkansas	61	1,561	168	46	43	1	58	23	..
California.....	41	2,013	223	85	34	1	89	20	18
Canada	44	1,814	352	69	11	1	79	21	..
Connecticut.....	31	4,019	236	5	8	1	19	44	..
Delaware.....	4	227	55	...	5	7	2	4	..
Dist. of Columbia.	7	910	150	26	71	..	25	8	..
Florida.....	13	368	17	4	5	..	11	9	..
Georgia	50	2,061	187	30	194	1	59	26	..
Indiana.....	85	3,757	425	50	48	5	126	47	..
Illinois.....	151	9,000	833	107	134	13	262	86	..
Iowa	65	2,772	383	45	56	3	108	18	..
Kansas.....	20	650	66	34	...	3	21	9	14
Kentucky.....	106	3,469	357	47	53	5	152	51	27
Louisiana.....	29	1,576	118	26	63	4	60	35	5
Maine.....	35	3,319	278	...	...	..	44	36	28
Maryland	11	1,100	188	8	9	2	12	10	5
Massachusetts ...	57	6,583	837	...	1	1	333	63	..
Michigan.....	83	5,927	648	50	37	15	189	59	..
Minnesota.....	19	968	126	...	...	..	...	...	..
Mississippi	79	2,583	167	132	171	1	132	50	..
Missouri.....	74	3,406	462	79	8	5	112	27	44
Nebraska	6	359	65	11	8	1	12	2	..
New Hampshire..	17	1,804	126	...	...	..	...	...	..
New Jersey.....	26	2,233	287	2	18	3	33	15	..
New York.....	184	17,017	1,855	150	434	7	307	178	186
North Carolina...	14	608	13	13	8	1	7	8	1
Nova Scotia.....	3	136	30	...	...	..	4	...	..
Ohio.....	124	7,060	786	172	206	20	266	77	..
Oregon	6	190	20	2	6	..	6	2	..
Pennsylvania....	86	8,409	909	188	133*	..	...	259†	32
Rhode Island....	10	1,331	177	2	...	..	28	7	32
South Carolina...	28	609	70	5	14	1	15	10	1
Tennessee.....	92	4,122	313	78	42	8	272	52	..
Texas	106	3,268	341	124	130	14	187	83	..
Vermont.....	24	1,651	99	3	12	..	...	18	..
Virginia.....	45	1,841	15	11	92	3	81	27	..
West Virginia....	5	252	....	...	...	..	...	...	..
Wisconsin.....	40	2,466	182	38	49	2	124	24	28
Total.....	1,829	113,668	11,676	1,520	2,177	129	2,983	1,438	429

* Expelled included.

† Dimitted included

We have every reason to be satisfied with the present position and progress of the Royal Arch, not only in our own but

other jurisdictions. It is also a matter of congratulation that the greatest harmony prevails between the various Grand Chapters.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

CHAIRMAN

COLLINGWOOD, ONT., August 1st, 1873.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 6:30 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, as Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " " L. H. Henderson,	
" " " James Dunbar,	

On the Throne.

In the absence of R. E. Comp. J. K. Kerr, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, the M. E. Grand Z. read the following letter from the Grand Scribe E. of that Grand Body :—

"SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND,

"*Scribe's Chambers, 3 North St. David Street,*

"EDINBURGH, 22nd July, 1873.

"M. E. DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,—

"I duly received your letter of the 7th ult., and I have to request that you will take an opportunity of conveying to the Grand Chapter of Canada the thanks of this Supreme Chapter for the trouble they have taken in the case of Comp. R. B. Murray. I have also to request that you will convey to the Supreme Chapter of Canada the intelligence of the death of E. Comp. A. J. Stewart, their Representative here. At the next quarterly Communication a selection of a Companion will be made, whose name will be sent to Canada with a recommendation that he be appointed your Representative here.

"Trusting to hear from you soon, I remain, M.E. dear Sir and Companion,

"Yours truly and fraternally,

"L. MACKERSY, G. S. E."

"J. KIRKPATRICK KERR, ESQ., }
Rept. G. C. of Scotland."

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Dunbar, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That it is with great regret this Grand Chapter has heard of the death of R. E. Comp. A. J. Stewart, our Representative in the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, and desires to place on record its high appreciation of the many important services he has rendered this Grand Chapter.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:—

R. E. Comp.	W. B. Simpson,	Kingston.
" " "	James Seymour,	St. Catharines.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	Collingwood.
" " "	James Dunbar,	Quebec.
" " "	Henry Macpherson,	Owen Sound.

M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington; Past Grand Z., proceeded with the installation of the elected officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

M. E. Comp.	C. D. Macdonnell, Peterboro',	Grand Z.	} Council
R. " "	Wm. H. Weller, Cobourg,	" H.	
" " "	N. Gordon Bigelow, Toronto,	" J.	
" " "	Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton,	" Scribe E.	
" " "	James Stephenson, Iroquois,	" " N.	
" " "	William Reid, Hamilton,	" Prin. Soj'r	
" " "	David McLellan, Hamilton,	" Treasurer	
" " "	Ethelbert Servos, Niagara,	" Registrar	
" " "	John Sweetman, Ottawa,	" Janitor	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham,	London	Dis'ct
" " "	Chas. L. Beard, Woodstock,	Wilson	"
" " "	Isaac F. Toms, Goderich,	Huron	"
" " "	John Parry, Dunnville,	Hamilton	"
" " "	Daniel Spry, Toronto,	Toronto	"
" " "	Peter Begg, Brighton,	Ontario	"
" " "	H. L. Geddes Napanee,	P. Edward	"

R. E. Comp.	Robert Hendry, Kingston,	Central Dis'ct
" " "	E. M. Copeland, Montreal,	Montreal "
" " "	H. W. Wood, Dunham,	Eastern T'ps "
" " "	H. J. Pratten, Quebec,	Quebec "
" " "	J. C. Hatheway, St. John,	N. Brunswick
" " "	James Henderson, Winnipeg,	Manitoba.

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the year ensuing, viz :

V. E. Comp.	D. Pitceathly, Belleville,	Grand 1st Asst. Soj'r.
" " "	A. H. Chandler, Moncton,	" 2nd " "
" " "	John Satchell, Prescott,	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	J. Erskine, Waterloo,	" Standard "
" " "	H. G. Summers, Orillia,	" Dir. of Cer's.
" " "	William Nivin, Montreal,	" Organist.
" " "	W. Chatfield, St. Catharines,	" Pursuivant
" " "	William Habbick, Galt,	} " Stewards.
" " "	Alex. M. Brown, Winnipeg,	
" " "	James B. Nixon, Toronto,	
" " "	John E. Brooke, Chatham,	

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, on behalf of the Executive Committee, submitted the following report on the address of the M. E. Grand Z.:—

REPORT.

The Executive Committee would respectfully submit for approval the following report on the address of the M. E. the First Grand Principal :

Your Committee appreciate the circumstances under which the M. E. G. Z. was chosen to preside over the deliberations of Grand Chapter, and cordially bear testimony to the distinguished ability that has marked the conduct of its affairs under his zealous and judicious guidance; well aware, that in entering upon the duties of his high office, the task assumed was one that called for the exercise of a wise discrimination and sound judgment to preserve the honor and dignity of the exalted position so worthily filled by his illustrious predecessors.

Your Committee learn with sincere pleasure that the Grand Council have carried out the resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation with such cordial unanimity, enjoining upon them the duty of preparing a suitable address, accompanied by an appropriate testimonial to M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, whose fervency and zeal in advancing the interests of Royal Arch Masonry deservedly called for substantial recognition and lasting gratitude at our hands. Long may that eminent and highly esteemed Most Excellent Companion live to use the time-piece so worthily worn; and may he continue for many years to come to see in the proceedings of Grand Chapter presented to him, a grateful souvenir of his past associations with this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee appreciate the well merited eulogy pronounced by the M. E. G. Z. upon the late M. E. Comp. T. Wilson and R. E. Comp. Alfio DeGrassi, and feel that this Grand Chapter has sustained a serious loss in the death of these eminent and faithful Companions. They would recommend that a memorial page be prepared for our revered P. G. Z., and printed in the published report of the proceedings.

Your Committee rejoice at the affiliation of St. John's Chapter, No. 209, I. R., London, with this Grand Chapter, and cordially extend the right hand of fellowship to this latest addition to our numbers.

Your Committee notice with much satisfaction the position assumed by the M. E. G. Z. with reference to the exercise of the dispensing power as to the offices of 1st and 2nd Principals, conferred by clause 6 of the Constitution, and they agree with him that it is a power which should be very sparingly exercised, and only then on the fullest assurance that the exceptional position of the Chapter concerned positively requires it.

Your Committee having considered the reference made by the M. E. G. Z. to the question of fees to be charged for conferring Chapter degrees, article 18 of the Constitution, are of opinion that the minimum fee for the Royal Arch degree is \$20, and that no reduction from that amount can be permitted

although the intermediate degrees may have been conferred on such candidate by a Lodge under another jurisdiction ; but in case of a candidate whose full fee has been paid to a subordinate Chapter of this Grand body, and who may remove to another part of this jurisdiction before having received all the degrees, and who may find it inconvenient to return for the completion thereof, it would be but courteous on the part of the Chapter in which the remaining degrees are sought, to confer them gratuitously at the request of the Chapter wherein the candidate first presented himself for exaltation ; and your Committee would recommend that this should be made a general regulation.

Your Committee learn with satisfaction that harmonious co-operation prevails throughout our bounds ; thus exemplifying the peaceful teachings of the Order, and showing that, with but one exception, no discord has marred the onward progress of the royal craft.

Your Committee heartily approve of the remarks of the G.Z. relating to the dissemination of general information in our Chapters, and would strongly urge the reading of the proceedings of Grand Chapter and the report on Foreign Correspondence by every Companion.

Your Committee observe with pleasure the exchange of representatives effected with the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, and rejoice that the selections made should so happily accord with the best interests of both Grand bodies.

With reference to the reciprocation proposed by California, your Committee would recommend that credentials be prepared and transmitted to the distinguished Companion named to represent this body near that Grand Chapter ; but with reference to the R. E. Companion nominated to act near this Grand Chapter, they beg to suggest that the G. S. E. be authorized to inform the M. E. G. H. P. of that jurisdiction that another nomination will be more acceptable in Canada.

In regard to the recognition by this Grand Chapter of other Rites which were the subject of a memorial to, and motion at last Grand Convocation, on which (with the consent of the parties presenting it) no report of the Executive Committee

was then brought in, and which is again mentioned in the address of the M. E. G. Z., your Committee are of opinion that it is not advisable to extend recognition to any other orders than those at present recognized by this Grand Chapter.

Your Committee notice the remarks of the M. E. G. Z. as to the desirability of changing the time of holding our annual Convocations; and while admitting that another period of the year might be more suitable, they see so much difficulty surrounding the change, that they prefer leaving the matter to be dealt with by Grand Chapter, rather than to make suggestions that would only tend to embarrass future action in dealing with the question.

In conclusion, your Committee regret that the arduous private avocations of the M. E. G. Z. should compel him to cease active participation in the management of Grand Chapter affairs, but trust that they may not prove of such a nature as to totally deprive it of that prudent counsel and advice which his abilities so well qualify him to impart.

The whole respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
CHAIRMAN.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by V. E. Comp. R. Kincaid, and resolved—

That the report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M. E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected and appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

In accordance with the terms of a resolution passed, authorizing the appointment of a Committee to prepare a suitable memento to be presented to Lafayette Chapter, the M. E. G. Z. was pleased to appoint as such Committee R. E. Comp. James Seymour, M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, and R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson.

The Special Committee, as above appointed, submitted the following

REPORT:

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

August, 13th and 14th,  A.S. 2403, A.D. 1873.

THE OFFICERS AND COMPANIONS OF

Lafayette Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, Washington, D. C.,

HAVING HONORED THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

With a fraternal visit during the Sixteenth Annual Convocation, held at the City of Kingston, Ontario, on the 13th and 14th days of August, A.D. 1873,

The following resolution in reference to the auspicious event was adopted with the most cordial unanimity, viz:

Moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. George H. Dartnell, and unanimously resolved—

"That the G. Z. be requested to nominate a Committee to whom shall be entrusted the duty of preparing some permanent and suitable memento of the visit of Lafayette Chapter, No. 5, Washington, to the Grand Chapter of Canada, to be presented to the Officers and Companions of that Chapter for preservation amongst their archives."

The M. E. the G. Z. was subsequently pleased to name as such Committee R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. G. H.; M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington, P. G. Z. and R. E. Comp. W. B. Simpson, P. G. H.

The Committee, therefore, having given the subject the careful consideration that its importance demands, respectfully submits—

THAT the Grand Chapter of Canada, warmly appreciating the truly Masonic spirit that actuated their esteemed Companions from Washington in deciding to pay Canada a friendly visit at this time, cannot permit the happy event to pass without placing on record its high sense of the compliment intended in this interchange of personal visitation, not only in the exceedingly agreeable social intercourse it has produced, thereby facilitating the means of better understanding each other's feelings and sentiments in the practical cultivation of those ennobling virtues—Friendship and Brotherly Love,—which are the foundation, superstructure, capstone and glory of Capitular Masonry, but also in the genial good-will evoked towards our Most Gracious Sovereign and country, in the beautiful verses dedicated to the occasion by Comp. Dr. Cox, and which were sung with such joyous enthusiasm by our Companions, on their formal reception amongst us.

The pleasures of this fraternal visit were also greatly enhanced in interest by the able and impressive manner in which was exemplified the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree, as authorized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States, thus affording an opportunity of witnessing well-executed American Work, that will long be remembered and treasured by all who enjoyed that valued privilege.

Heartily does this Grand Chapter reciprocate the generous expressions of amity and friendship embodied in Dr. Cox's lines, confident that the ties of

blood, language, literature, commerce and tastes, cemented by the mellowing and refining influence of our Royal Craft, will always operate in forming an indissoluble bond of union between kindred nations, whose enlightenment and liberality teach them to enjoy their own forms of government, without diminishing respect for those of friendly neighbors.

Sincerely hoping that visitations of this nature—though the first of their kind to us—will not be the last, fraught, as they have proved to be, with so much of pleasure, profit and instruction; and, while thanking our Washington Companions for the laudable example set, we look forward to a not distant day when a return visit will be paid, that will tend to ripen in earnestness the friendship now formed.

Resolved,—That the foregoing report be engrossed, under direction of the G. S. E., and be signed by the M. E. G. Z., for transmission to Lafayette Chapter, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR, P.G.H.	} COMMITTEE.
T. D. HARINGTON, P.G.Z.	
W. B. SIMPSON, P.G.H.	

COMMITTEE ROOM, GRAND CHAPTER, CANADA, }
KINGSTON, August 14th, 1873.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. E. M. Copeland, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the M. E. the Grand Z. be authorized to defray all the incidental expenses which have been incurred in connection with the holding of this Annual Convocation, as also for printing the proceedings thereof as soon as the same shall have been completed and delivered to the Grand Scribe E.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. L. H. Henderson, and resolved—

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to the Ancient Frontenac, and the Cataraqui Chapters, for the excellent arrangements made for the holding of this Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the generous hospitalities extended to the Representatives and Visitors.

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in ample form at 8:20 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST:



G. S. C.

G. S. C.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS, RENDERED A.D. 1873.

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	STATED MEETINGS.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
1	Ancient Frontenac.	Kingston, O...	Third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov.	E.C., G.M. Wilkinson	Comp. W. A. Gunn
2	The Hiram.....	Hamilton, O...	First Monday of every month.....	" Gavin Stewart.	" T. McGiverin
3	St. John's.....	London, O....	Fourth Wednesday of every month:.....	" James O'Connor	" Alex. S. Abbott
4	St. And'w & St. John	Toronto, O....	Third Friday of every month.....	" R. P. Stephens.	" J. E. Mitchell
5	St. George's.....	London, O....	Third Tuesday of every month.....	" W. McGloghlin.	" M. D. Dawson
6	St. John's.....	Hamilton, O...	Second Thursday of every month.....	" J. J. Mason....	" James Acheson
7	Moira.....	Belleville, O...	First Tuesday of every month.....	" D. Pitceathly..	" Wesley Bullen
8	King Solomon's....	Toronto, O....	Third Monday of every month.....	" N. G. Bigelow..	" James Summers
9	Golden Rule.....	Sherbrooke, Q.	Tuesday on or before full moon in March, June September and December.....	" G. H. Borlase..	" Wm. Farwell, jr
10	New Brunswick....	St. John, N.B.	First Thursday in every month.....	" Henry Duffill..	" D. S. Stewart
12	Catawaqui.....	Kingston, O...	Second Monday in Feb., May, Aug. and Nov...	" G. S. Oldreive..	" George Lee
13	Stadacona.....	Quebec, Q....	Second Thursday in Jan., April, July, and Oct.	" F. T. Thomas..	" John Peverley
14	Prevost.....	Dunham, Q....	First Thursday of every month.....	" H. W. Wood....	" T. F. Wood, jr
15	Wawanosh.....	Sarnia, O....	Second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.....	" Wm. Ireland....	" Edward Bassett
16	Carleton.....	Ottawa, O....	Second Monday of every month.....	" J. Erskine.....	" Charles S. Scott
17	Dorchester.....	Waterloo, Q...	First Thursday of every month.....	" James Canfield.	" O. W. Ellis
18	Oxford.....	Woodstock, O.	First Friday of every month.....	" John Dale.	" Henry J. Finkle
19	Mount Moriah.....	St. Catharines, O	Friday on or before full moon of every month.	" David Curtis...	" A. C. Tuttle
20	Mount Moreb.....	Brantford, Q....	First Wednesday of every month.....	" F. M. Copeland..	" Robert Morton
21	Carnarvon.....	Montreal, Q....	Third Tuesday in Feb., May, August and Nov:	" Jas. Stephenson	" T. C. Stratton
22	Grenville.....	Prescott, O....	First Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.	" W. P. Kelley...	" John Easton
23	Ezra.....	Simcoe, O....	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" John Dutton ..	" Lyman Wells
24	Tecumseh.....	Stratford, Q....	Last Tuesday of every month.....	" David Wright..	" R. Rutherford
25	Mount Moreb.....	Montreal, Q....	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" H. W. Delany..	" Geo. R. Locker
26	St. Mark's.....	Trenton, O....	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" John Nettleton.	" Chas. Francis
27	Manitou.....	Collingwood, O.	First Friday of every month.....	" John Boyd....	" E. R. Carpenter
28	Pentalpha.....	Oshawa, O....	First Friday of every month.....	" T. L. M. Tipton	" Geo. W. Garth
29	McCallum.....	Dunnville, O..	Friday on or after full moon of every month..	" J. Sommerville.	" Robt. Nimmo
30	Huron.....	Goderich, O....	First Friday of every month.....		" Edward Hosker

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	NAME.	WHERE HELD.	STATED MEETINGS.	FIRST PRINCIPAL Z.	SCRIBE E.
31	Prince Edward.....	Picton, O.....	Friday on or after every full moon.....	E. C., Jas. Tennant..	Comp. R. A. Norman
32	Waterloo	Galt, O.....	Monday on or after full moon in February, May, September and November.....	" John Habbick..	" J. Suddeby
34	Signet.....	Orillia, O.....	First Tuesday of every month.....	" Robt. Ramsay..	" Ed. B. Alport
35	Keystone.....	Whitby, O.....	Third Thursday of every month.....	" J. P. Campbell..	" A. Borrowman
36	Corinthian.....	Peterboro', O.....	Third Friday of every month.....	" Robt. Kincaid..	" M. Dunsford
37	Victoria	Port Hope, O.....	Second Thursday of every month.....	" Robt. Nicholls..	" Robt. Deyell
38	Seymour	Bradford, O.....	Friday on or before full moon of every month.	" W. H. Porter..	" Gibson Cook
39	Botsford.....	Moncton, N. B.	Third Monday of every month.....	" John L. Harris..	" I. W. Binney
40	Guelph.....	Guelph, O.....	Friday on or after every full moon.....	" Wm. D. Hepburn	" J. Mimmack
41	Harris.....	Ingersoll, O.....	First Tuesday after full moon of every month..	" Peter J. Brown..	" T. G. Lewis
42	Montreal.....	Montreal, Q.....	Second Friday of every month.....	" Wm. Nivin....	" J. H. Jones
43	Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.....	Third Wednesday in the Months of December, March, June and October.....	" Rev. R. Norman	" Wm. Millar
44	Mount Sinai.....	Napance, O.....	Wednesday after every full moon.....	" Hy. L. Geddes..	" John Cheetham
45	Excelsior	Colborne, O.....	First Thursday of every month.....	" Peter Begg....	" A. Vars
46	St. James'.....	St. Mary's, O.....	Second Wednesday of every month.....	" H. F. Sharp....	" W. A. Bayley
47	Wellington.....	Chatham, O.....	Thursday on or before full moon of every month.	" T. C. Macnabb..	" David T. Smith
48	St. John's.....	Cobourg, O.....	Friday on or before full moon of every month..	" H. T. Woods....	" J. Urquhart
49	Elora.....	Elora, O.....	Wednesday after full moon of every month.....	" Wm. F. Savage	" J. H. Kenning
50	Saugeen	Walkerton, O.....	Second Wednesday in January, March, May, July, September and October.....	" Ezra A. Healy..	" Hugh Davidson
51	St. Charles'.....	Pt. St. Charles, Q.	Second Tuesday of every month.....	" Alex. Murray..	" Geo. D. Reid
52	Prince Rupert.....	Winnipeg, M.....	First Thursday of every month.....	" Alex. M. Brown	" W. N. Kennedy
53	Bruce	Petrolia, O.....	First Thursday of every month.....	" G. E. Murphy..	" W. E. Reynolds
54	De Warren.....	St. Thomas, O.....	First Tuesday on or before f. m. of every month	" T. D. Warren..	
55	Niagara.....	Niagara, O.....	Thursday after full moon of every month.....	" Alex. Servos...	
56	Georgian.....	Owen Sound, O.....	First Tuesday of every month.....	" Hy. Macpherson	" W. C. Sumner

Representatives

IN THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

M. E. Comp.	T.D.Harington,	from Grand Chapter of Tennessee.
R. " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" " Missouri.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" " Oregon.
" " "	James Seymour,	" " Indiana.
" " "	James K. Kerr,	" " Scotland.
" " "	David McLellan,	" " Georgia.
" " "	R. Ramsay,	" " Nebraska.
" " "	R. Ramsay,	" " Ohio.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	" " Dist. of Col.
" " "	Henry Robertson,	" " New York.
" " "	Robert Ramsay,	" " Illinois.
" " "	T. D. Harington,	" " Nova Scotia.
" " "	_____	" " California.
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	" Mark Lodge, England.

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R. E. Comp.	John Lawrie,	in Grand Chapter of Scotland.
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" " "	George F. Gouley,	" " Missouri.
" " "	H. P. Deuel,	" " Nebraska.
" " "	Chas. A. Woodward,	" " Ohio.
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" " "	William Brinsmaid,	" " Vermont.
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" " "	James A. Miles,	" " Illinois.
" " "	W. H. Tuller,	" " Georgia.
" " "	Arthur Fletcher	" " Nova Scotia.
" " "	Louis Wiggin,	" " California.
" " "	Frederick Binckes,	" Mark Lodge, England.

Suspensions.

UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa, O.

Comp. Robert Goodchild.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Stadacona Chapter, No. 13, Quebec, Q.

Comp. A. G. Borden,

" Joseph Cotterell,

" William Couper,

" F. C. Dettmers,

" Eugene Hammond,

" P. G. Labbe,

" Joseph Lachance,

Comp. Thomas Laidlaw,

" Maurice Levy,

" E. P. Rickard,

" C. V. R. Roy,

" James G. Shaw,

" Frederick Sheckell,

" Thomas Stonehouse,

Comp. Frs. Thompson.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 20, Brantford, O.

Comp. J. W. Lethbridge.

| Comp. John Gardham.

Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott, O.

Comp. C. P. Empey,

" Rev. W. McGill,

" J. R. Castleman,

" W. Potter,

" John Montgomery,

Comp. William Wright,

" Henry Merrick,

" R. Gwynne,

" J. F. Chamberlane,

" J. Wylie.

Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford, O.

Comp. Patrick Franklin,

" William Frank,

Comp. Robert Booth,

" W. H. Hanrey,

Comp. D. E. R. Stewart.

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Comp. Thomas S. Fisher.

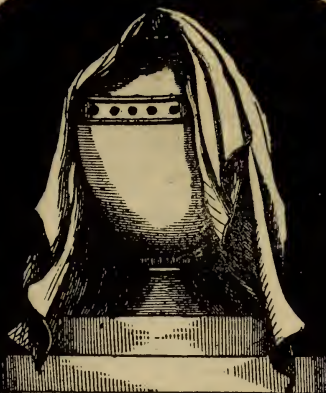
Restorations.

King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, O.

Comp. H. R. Corson, 16th December, 1872.

Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood, O.

Comp. Thomas Gordon, 26th March, 1873.



In Memoriam.

MOST EXCELLENT COMPANION

THOMPSON WILSON,

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
London District.


Past Grand First Principal, Z.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

DIED 20th OCTOBER, A. D. 1872

AGED 81 YEARS.

AT REST.



IN REPOSE

THOMAS WILSON

WAS BORN JANUARY 18TH 1812
AT NEW YORK
DIED 20TH OCTOBER A. D. 1872
AGED 60 YEARS

AT REST

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- Comp. DOUGALD MACPHERSON,**
" **JOHN MACDONALD,**
" **ROBERT FLETCHER,**
ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 3, LONDON, O.
- Comp. GEORGE WORTHINGTON, 5th May, 1872.**
ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 6, HAMILTON, O.
- Comp. DONALD BAIN, 20th February, 1872.**
" **JAMES GEEN, 1872.**
MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE, O.
- Comp. THOMAS RANTON.**
NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, No. 10, ST. JOHN, N. B.
- Comp. Rev. CHARLES P. BLISS, 21st November, 1872.**
" **G. H. LANE, 21st May, 1872.**
CARLETON CHAPTER, No. 16, OTTAWA, O.
- Comp. JAMES B. ROUNDS, 20th December, 1872.**
OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK, O.
- Comp. G. LAUTERBACH, 1873.**
MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD, O.
- Comp. SAMUEL BROWNING, September, 1872.**
CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 21, MONTREAL, Q.
- Comp. MANUEL NORTHRUP, September, 1872.**
" **McNEIL CLARKE, March, 1872.**
GRENVILLE CHAPTER, No. 22, PRESCOTT, O.
- Comp. WILSON BLACK ALLAN, 15th May, 1872.**
" **ALFRED PICAULT, 24th December, 1872.**
MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 25, MONTREAL, Q.
- Comp. JOHN DENCH, 21st December, 1871.**
" **JOHN SMITH, 15th August, 1872.**
ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, No. 26, TRENTON, O.
- Comp. BENJ. HAZLEHURST, 17th March, 1873.**
HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH, O.
- Comp. JAMES A. JOHNSON, 3rd November, 1871.**
" **C. EDGAR ORSTRANDER, November 5th, 1872.**
SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, ORILLIA, O.
- Comp. WILLIAM K. DUNCAN, 28th December, 1872.**
BOTSFORD CHAPTER, No. 39, MONCTON, N. B.

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" " "	James Stephenson,	" " N.	
" " "	William Reid,	" Principal Soj'r.	
" " "	David McLellan,	" Treasurer.	
" " "	Ethelbert Servos,	" Registrar.	
V. E.	D. Pitceathly,	" 1st Asst. Sojourner.	
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" " "	W. Chatfield,	" Pursuivant.	
" " "	William Habbick,	} " Stewards.	
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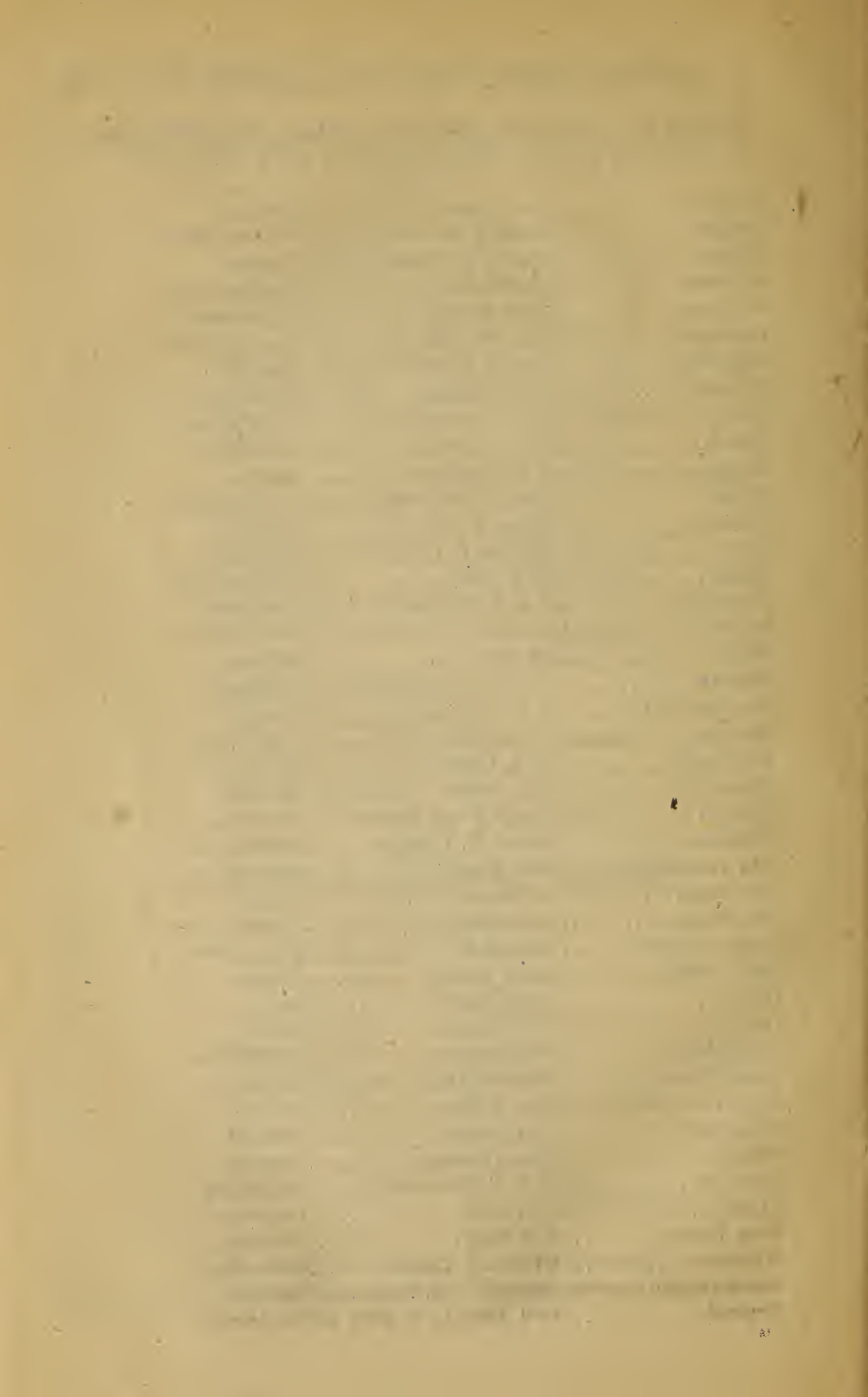
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" " "	Daniel Spry,	Toronto	"
" " "	Peter Begg,	Ontario	"
" " "	H. L. Geddes,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	Robert Hendry,	Central	"
" " "	E. M. Copeland,	Montreal	"
" " "	H. W. Wood,	Eastern Townships	"
" " "	H. J. Pratten,	Quebec	"
" " "	J. C. Hatheway,	New Brunswick	"
" " "	James Henderson,	Manitoba.	

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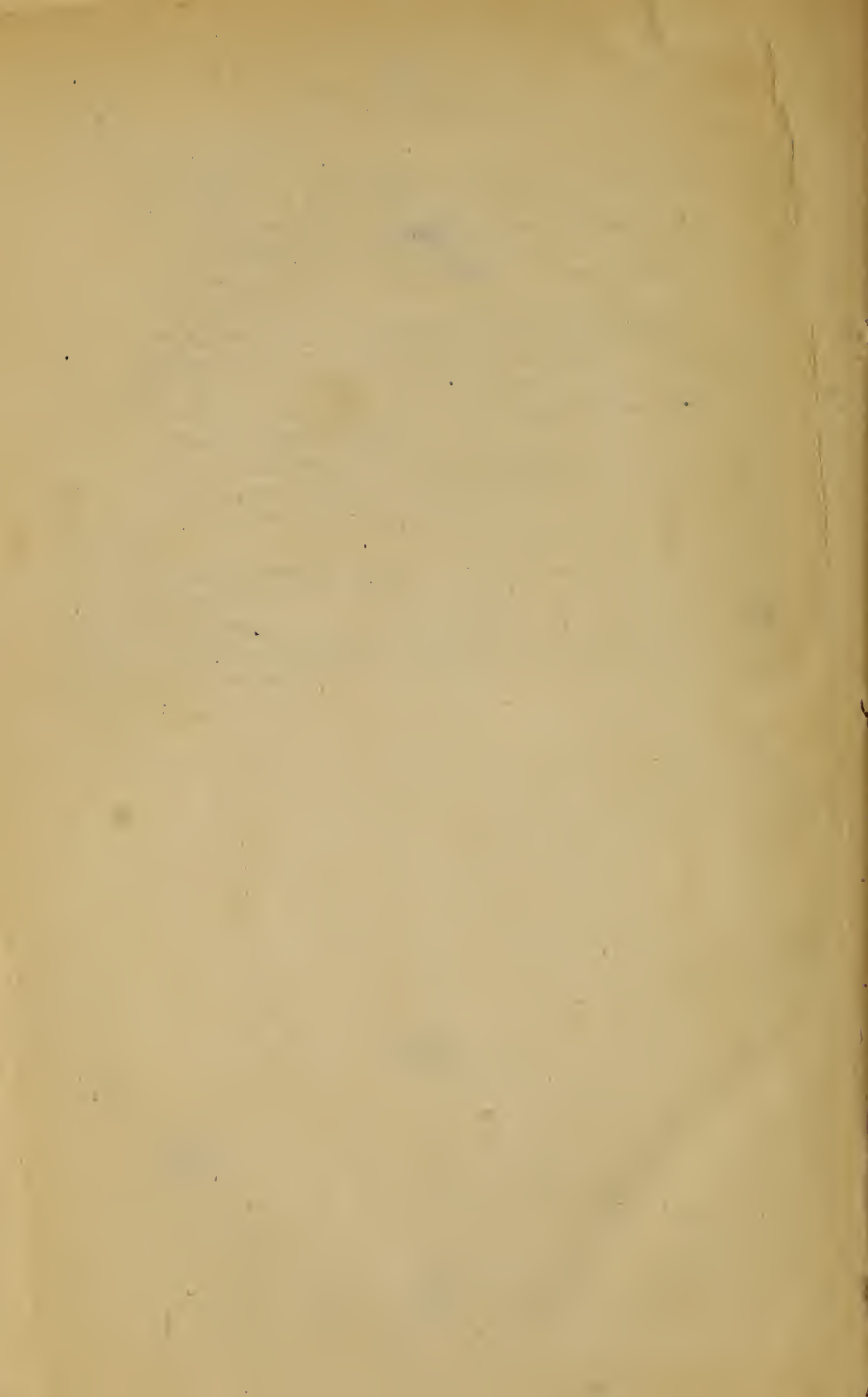
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